Everything has changed

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Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Tony Blair yesterday made a triumphal journey from Islington to Buckingham Palace, and on to Number 10, before declaring his com-mitment to a new politics without dogma and doctrine.

After an emotionally charged welcome from an enthusiastic crowd in Downing Street, the new Prime Minister said: "For 18 years - 18 long years - my party has been in oppo-sition. It could only say, it could

Today, we are charged with the deep responsibility of government. Today, enough of talking - it is time

Hitting the ground running, Mr Blair made his first seven Cabinet appointments before going home to Is-lington for a good night sleep. with plans to complete the Cabinet list today.

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The Conservatives suffered a second shattering blow in 24 hours when John Major capped the humiliating defeat by announcing precipitate resignation, throwing his party into the turmoil of a leadership contest next month. After saying: "When the curtain falls, it is time to get off the stage," he went off to watch cricket at the Oval.

In spite of hints to the contrary, Mr Blair's new politics was not expected to extend to the appointment of any outsiders, in spite of Liberal Democrat hopes that a new consensus was about to be born.

The new Labour consensus was shown by the lack of attack on the Tory record and the appointment of Clare Short, an outspoken leftwinger, to the Cabinet today.

Yesterday, John Prescott was first into No 10, to be appointed Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for environment, transport and the regions. As expected, Gordon Brown became Chancellor of the Exchequer, Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, Home Secretary, Lord Irvine, Lord Chancellor; and David Blunkett. Secretary of State for Education and Employment.

Margaret Beckett, the only one of the first seven to have previous ministerial experience, was appointed President of the Board of Trade, but she is expected to be joined by at least two other women today, Ms Short

Parliament, the face of politics will be changed for good when the Commons assembles on Tuesday.

dations on Thursday night, with seven Cabinet Ministers scythed, the of broken records. Liberal Democrats more than douup a 70-year record, and Labour's welcomed the prospect of a new con-



Triumphal progress: Tony and Cherie Blair greet the crowds in Whitehall as they arrive to take up residence at 10 Downing Street yesterday

jority of 179.

With 116 women MPs in the new Labour landslide majority of 146 won. by Clement Attlee in 1945. But with the youngest Prime Minister, record swings, the complete Tory wipe-out But it was the result itself that in Scotland and Wales, and two shook the political scene to its foun- Sinn Fein candidates elected in Northern Ircland, it was an election

Paddy Ashdown, who claimed bling the number of seats to notch advances "in every part of Britain",

landslide giving it an expected majority of 179.

That majority trumped the historic

Sensus, saying: "Where there are joint of 179.

South Bank's Royal Festival Hall: "A Clarke, the pro-European former things that the Labour Party will innew dawn has broken, has it not?"

Chancellor. Mr Clarke is so loathed things that the Labour Party will innew dawn has broken, has it not?"

Chancellor. Mr Clarke is so loathed this candials of lost Sir Marcus Fox, chairman was keeping his own counsel. that we agree with and are good for tween 30 and 40 seats.

the nation, we will work with them." His party added another seat late yesterday when Mark Oaten won Winchester from the former health minister Gerry Malone by just two votes. Due to the delayed count the result is not included in the results

round-up inside today's paper. Mr Blair told an early morning Labour celebration at the London

But for the Tories, it marked the start of a nightmare that could yet see the party entering the kind of political wilderness inhabited by Labour in the early 1980s.

With Mr Major spurning the pleas of colleagues who had wanted him to steer the party into calmer waters. he opened up a leadership race that was promptly joined by Kenneth

by the Euro-sceptics that his candi dature will bring out all the poison of the backbench 1922 Committee of Tory division, for which the parand the one person who is constitu-

ty was punished on Thursday. Among those axed by the voters was Michael Portillo, the darling of the right, along with half a dozen other Cabinet colleagues; Malcolm Rifkind, Tony Newton, Ian Lang, Michael Forsyth, William Walde-

What it feels

of history

tial candidates. Michael Howard, John Redwood, Gillian Shephard, grave, and Roger Freeman. Stephen Dorrell, and William Hague Mr Major's sudden announcewere all in the frame. But Michael

tionally charged with responsibility

for organisation leadership contests.

That process will be paralysed until

There was no shortage of poten-

YOUR

a successor has been chosen.

Photograph: Tom Pilston

Adding to Tory anxiety last night, a source close to the former prime minister even suggested that Mr Maior, now freed from direct responsibilities, could come out in outright opposition to single currency entry during the five-year lifetime of the new Parliament. Given that he had spent the entire election refusing to do that, in order to keep his party together, that could be the last straw.

Polly Toynbee and Yvette Cooper, commentator and new MP, relive the emotion of a night to remember

'Pinch me – I can't believe they've gone'

Everyone suddenly burst out honking. It kept happening all day, nobjust outside Downing Street and in Trafalgar Square, but even on the other side of London in the Mile End Road. Honking the old government out and the new one in.

"Pinch me, pinch me. I can't believe they've gone!" said a man among the crowds pressed up against the police barricades outside Downing Street. Early morning, up all night, they came from everywhere.
"If I live to be 100 there'll

never be another day like it!"said Mary Thorowgood, 77 who brought a red rose for Blair and a letter to thrust into his hand if she got the chance. She was there very early to

get her place at the front waiting to jeer at Major as he went and whoop for joy as Blair swept in. "I remember 1945 as if it was yesterday. But this is better!"she exclaimed. Peter Bradshaw had rushed

all the way down the motorway from Liverpool. "I was so excited I had to be here. Jumped in the car last night and drove like hell."

Nothing succeeds like success. Everywhere I went people were grinning - and everyone was Labour. Hard to find anyone admitting they had ever voted anything else. Did I have the only cab driver in history who was Labour? They might be a notoriously right wing breed but not mine, not today. Everyone was beaming Labour.

Some, though, were repen-tent. 18 year old Natalie Richardson, minding the souvenir stand on the corner of Whitehall confessed: "I didn't vote. Didn't see the point."

But she stayed up to watch the results and bow did she feel? "It's a blinder. Bloody marvel-lous, I really think he'll get jobs for school leavers. Yeah, I should have voted."

One who did was John Hyndman, Whitehall street cleaner, a man in his 30s with a hair lip. cleft palate and a lousy job. "I never voted before. But Labour will help people like me."
"I love him, oh I love him. I

want to give him a big kiss! Oh I do!" shouted Jonathan Rickards from Shrewsbury." Next to him was a 66-year-old who'd almost died while waiting six months for heart surgery while the person in the next bed waited only 10 days, patient of a privileged GP fund-holder. "I had to be here to see Major go

with my own eyes, "he said. Pressing up against the monstrous great gates Mrs Thatcher erected during her reign, one person remembered that Labour had promised to tear them down - a good opening

gesture for the Blair years. It had been a long wait since dawn in the bright sun, everyone buzzing with the thrill of history. They spoke of 1945, of 1906. Someone said it felt like the Berlin wall coming down, Mandela's release. High on euenough. But many said they never expected this day. "After last time. I never believed the polls. I thought we'd lose again. "I'll admit it, at first I was iffy

about Blair," said a building worker in a singlet. "I couldn't get enthusiastic. I was one that said they're all the same. Nearly didn't vote. But of course they're not the bloody same." What were they hoping for? Great things. Social justice, Blair's decent society, fairness,

hope, an end to meanness. Were they hoping for too much? No, no, they all said, with one voice. "I know it'll take a long time. It'll be hard. He can't do everything now," said Jim Moor, a care worker from East London. "It may take years, but be'll look

class. I trust him." Among the the media and the

another that it was like Nelson there were only true believers.

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analysts, those who sifted through every speech of Blair's campaign, there had built up a tide of cynicism. But not among these people. They were bowled over by his overnight speeches on television: men and women said they'd wept. They believe in his humility, his emotion, his

But could anyone be as good as they need him to be? Can New Labour break the age-old cycle of political illusion and disillusion, as certain as boom and bust in the economy? Today Tomorrow is another day.

Blair ... Say the words again. "The Prime Minister, Tony Blair..." And again and again. See how they roll off the

Astonishing isn't it? And did you see him walk into No 10? Did you see the door close behind him?

As I sit and try to write, on the morning after the election, I keep jumping out of my seat and hopping round the room.

I keep grinning.
I can't tear myself from the television. I am jittery with adrenalin and emotion. "What does it feel like to be

part of history?" one of the local councillors asked me, as we waited in Knottingley Sports Centre, for the Pontefract and Castleford result. Unreal. By the time our count fin-

ished at 1.30am, we had already seen marginals tumble. Breathless and numb, we watched Peter Snow's swingometer zoom off the scale. With every scalp, we yelped.

Our own majority rose from 23,000 to 25,000, a mere pebble in the national landslide. As if in a dream, I thanked the returning officers and the

Wide-eyed and grinning, I was hugged, kissed, photographed and hugged again by

party supporters. By 3am, unable to sleep, we were on the road to London, racing Tony Blair's plane from

back in time to those gloomstricken Labour supporters and tell them that in the next election, seats like Finchley and Enfield Southgate would choose Labour MPs. I mean, Finchley, for good-

chance to win.

hausted to smile.

himself like a prayer.

ness sakes? Finchley! And seven Cabinet ministers gone, can you believe it? What an endorsement.

The world has really changed.

like to be part PENSION: IN YOUR OWN TIME, celebration speech. When in glorious climax we all screamed IN YOUR as the radio announced Michael Portillo's defeat, the car almost swerved off the OWN WAY Tearing through the empty, darkened London streets, we arrived at the Royal Festival A Merchant Investors pension is an Hall at sunrise to hear the easy, convenient and flexible pension. crowds roar as Tony Blair began to speak. Outside people were eesta-The charges are low. tic. Inside, party staff were too shell-shocked, elated and ex-You can vary your contributions without charge. "Now let's do it, let's deliv Pay no commission when er." I heard one MP whisper to you buy direct. So far has the party travelled. No sales person Only five years ago I stood on the steps of Walworth Road will bother you. with a mere 50 Labour Party workers, bravely cheering and waving some limp roses as Neil Kinnock arrived to concede defeat, believing that we Merchant Investors had just lost Labour's last Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and part of Allianz - one of Europe's largest insure Imagine if we could reach Company Limited, Freepost BS 6013, Bristol BS1 ZUZ ME : NOS / MESS / NS (please circle as appropriate) Are you EMPLOYED or SELP EMPLOYED ! (please clirile) CALL NOW ON 0800 374857 FOR A BROCHURE

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Michael Jackson makes the grade at Channel 4

Channel 4 has appointed Michael Jackson, head of television at the BBC, as its chief executive to replace Michael Grade, it was authorniced last night.

Mr Jackson was announced last light.

Mr Jackson was offered the job on 22 April, but has been negotiating to bring some of his own people with him to the channel. Channel 4 insiders were depressed at the news of his appointment. Mr Jackson defeated Channel 4's popular director of programmes, John Willis, who is on leave Sources in the channel believe Mr Willis will be the first of many departures.

Bank Holiday drivers hit road

With the arrival of the warmest day of the year, and amid one of the worst droughts for 200 years, the AA expects 5 million drivers to drag their partners and children on a short break this weekend.

Warning of the dangers of rushing to beat the traffic jams, the motoring organisation said that the day before a bank holiday weekend is always one of the worst in the year for crashes, breakdowns and accidents. Meteorologists said holidaymakers could be disappointed in any case, with the weather set to be "pretty dreadful" from late Sunday. And those seeking escape by road to the Continent may have problems getting home on Monday, designated a "day of action" by French lorry drivers.

Simon Rec

Listeners abandon Radio 1



Radio 1's audience has tumbled to its lowest ever level following the abrupt departure of Chris Evans from its high-profile

breakfast show in January The station lost 370,000 listeners in the first three months of the year, according to the latest Rajar audience research figures. In all, 10.3 million people were tuning into the station every week during the first quarter of the

year. Meanwhile, Radio 5 Live - just three years old - was celebrating an extra 500,000 listeners, which took audience figures up to 5.5 million, its highest ever.

McGrath suspect in court

A man appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of Rachel McGrath, the 27-year-old judge's

daughter who was stabbed to death last week.
Nicholas Burton, 27, appeared before Stockport
magistrates accused of Ms McGrath's murder outside the Victoria Tavern, Bramhall, Cheshire. Mr Burton, of no fixed address, appeared on remand after he was charged on Wednesday with kidnapping, falsely imprisoning and threatening to kill 17-year-old Debra van Gerko on 26 April, the day after the murder. Mr Burton was remanded in custody until 9 May; he made no application for bail.

'Mad Dog' comes home

Archie "Mad Dog" McCafferty, the mass killer, yesterday returned to the city of his birth, after being deported from Australia. Accompanied by police, he entered Glasgow via the city's airport lobby at 11am, to be mobbed by the media.

Mr McCafferty, 49, was deported against his will on Wednesday night from Australia, where he served 23 years for the murder of three people, as well as a sentence for the manslaughter of a fellow inmate in an Australian jail. In the United Kingdom Mr McCafferty is a free man.

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Hague is Tory front-runner

Chief Political Correspondent

William Hague was emerging

last night as a front runner in the Conservative Party leadership election after John Major started a bitter battle among his shell-shocked colleagues by announcing he was standing down.

The race immediately threatened to become a damaging contest between the old left of the party and the new right, with leading Euro-sceptics using the battle to inflict revenge on Kenneth Clarke, the ex-Chancellor, who was the first to announce he would stand.

To have that fat, reckless, illdisciplined lump as the leader for the future is laughable. Forget it," said one leading Eurosceptic, as an example of the bile

Euro-sceptics will use battle to inflict revenge on Kenneth Clarke which helped to bring its crashing defeat. He said it could be being spilled as the depth of the as Prime Minister. "When the sonal credit". But the refusal to the leadership after the 36-defused by offering a free voice to the leadership after the 36-defused by offering a free voice.

Tory defeat sank in.

The Independent learned last night that Mr Major could now come out against a single European currency. 'He will be free to speak his mind, and it's always been pretty obvious that he was against a single currency," said a close source.

"In the midst of this bloodbath, we will have to focus on the good things we did right, and the bad, and see what we can gain from it," said one of his

Mr Major stunned colleagues by announcing his decision to step down from the leadership before he had gone to the Palace to tender his resignation

before a new leader was chosen. Senior colleagues had urged him to stay on to allow the party to lick its wounds, and rebuild morale with an assault on the Labour emergency Budget in

Within minutes of Mr Major announcing he was standing down. Mr Clarke threw his hat in the ring. T certainly intend to be a candidate in the lead-

ership election," he said. Mr Clarke said Mr Major had "conducted himself with very great dignity and has come out of the campaign with great per-

curtain falls, it is time to get off the stage he said," adding it would be a brief interregrum may lead to recriminations if the party is rushed into a decision before the end of the summer.

Mr Major left behind a shattered party, still coming to terms with the extent of the 177 losses. including Michael Portillo, who would have been one of the leading contenders for the leadership. The contest cannot be held until fresh elections for the officers of the 1922 Committee, who were decimated in the rout.

Alan Duncan, a leading light behind the election campaign at Conservative Central Office, was preparing to act as Mr Hague's campaign manager for

year-old former Secretary of on a single European currency. State for Wales secured his seat at Richmond, Yorkshire.

Mr Hague will be promoted as a unity candidate, who could were gearing up for the fight, in-cluding Michael Heseltine, Mr. Clarke and Stephen Dorrell from the left, and limbering up on the right were John Red-wood, expected to declare over the weekend, Michael Howard, and possibly Peter Lilley, the former Secretary of State for So-

cial Security.

Mr Clarke insisted that the European issue should not be allowed to continue to cause the

But that was rejected by the Tory right, which has scores to settle over Europe. "I have a great regard for Kenneth Clarke rebuild the right and left of the but in respect of Europe he is party. But the other runners, wrong and out of tune with the overwhelming majority of the Parliamentary party," said John Townend, chairman of the right-

wing 92 Group of Tory MPs. Odds on Mr Heseltine were 7/4; Mr Hague was second favourite at 2/1, and Coral bookmakers made him 3/k with Mr Howard third favourite at 9/2 ahead of Mr Redwood and Mr Dorrell, both on 6/1. Mr Clarke follows at 8/1 and Gillian Shephard at 14/1.

First day at the office: Gordon Brown greeting supporters after arriving at the Treasury yesterday

These are the seven

Labour front benchers ap-

Photograph: Mykel Nicolaou

Margaret Beckett, age 54

Appointment as President of

the Board of Trade is a reward

for her key campaign role. She-

now appears rehabilitated af-

ter a rocky period, appearing.

at election news conferences

She was praised when she

took over the leadership after

John Smith's death in 1994,

but gained little. After Blair won

the leadership election she

was demoted from deputy.

leader to health, then trade and

industry. Brought up in Nor-

wich, she has been member

for Derby South since 1983.

and on television.

Blair's magnificent seven: the new cabinet takes shape

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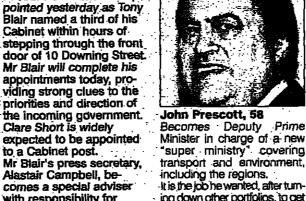
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Clare Short is widely expected to be appointed to a Cabinet post. Mr Blair's press secretary, Alastair Campbell, becomes a special adviser with responsibility for ing down other portfolios, to get speaking to the media on stuck into a task which could the Government's behalf. include raising investment in the Jonathan Powell, who was head of Mr Blair's office in Opposition, becomes chief of staff, responsible for coordinating his private



Robin Cook, 51

The image of the rather

with a barbed tongue and

effect in parliamentary debate

is public enough. But behind

has meant keeping faith with

Known as something of a Euro-

sceptic, he will take a lead in

defence and foreign policy.

basic principles.

Gordon Brown, 46 "Sex on legs." was how one woman at my election night party described the new Chancellor. "He's very intelligent and I like that in a man." gnomic Scotsman as a man

office, the press office, the

policy unit at Number 10

and the political office.

His keen intellect will please Treasury officials too. Mandanns like their chancellors to be brainy and interested in the nuances of economics. Ken Clarke had the brains but not the interest. Gordon Brown has both.

Serious-minded, with a passion for fairness that stems from his upbringing as the son of a Church of Scotland minister.



If Labour had wanted to design its ideal Secretary of State for Education, it might well have come up with David Blunkett. His experience of the education system is responsible for his enthusiasm for policies more usually associated with politicians of the right: mental arithmetic, discipline, learning to read using methods plugged by traditionalists.

He will give no quarter tofalling schools and failing

London Underground and more house building. A blunt Northerner, he regards himself as a moderniser and a man with ideas. He is restless for power, and is likely to turn teachers, and is determined to his office into one of the engine | raise schools expectations | rooms of the Blair government. of their pupils.



"Derry" Irvine, 56 Alexander "Derry" Irvine is The new Foreign Secretary is marked as a man who will most influential members of make a distinctive contribution the new Blair Cabinet. to the Blair administration.

He has already pledged a. review of legal aid spending and a "cost-benefit" analysis razor wit - used to superb of the plans to overhaul the civil justice system.

He appears more liberal than that is a sense of mission that | Jack Straw, persuading him to drop his support for the bug-ging provisions in the Police Bill, and he influenced Labour's decision to incorporate the



Jack Straw, 50 There should be no surprise one of the least well-known but I that Jack Straw should have progressed from angering the liberal left, making law and order a Labour selling point, to ascending to Home

Secretary. He was widely criticised in 1995 when he urged that the streets be reclaimed from the *aggressive begging of winos: addicts and squeegee mer-chants. But for many, here was a man who understood the plight of estate dwellers-European negotiations and in European Convention of who were fed up with having Human Rights into British law. I their front doors kicked in:

Sinn Fein wins two seats

David McKittrick Ireland correspondent

Sinn Fein and David Trimble's Ulster Unionists emerged as victors in Northern Ireland constituencies, with Genry Adams and Martin McGuinness both winning seats and the th ster Unionists adding one to their tally.

It was a bad day for John Hume's Social Democraticand Labour Party (SDLP) and the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), eachof which dropped a seat.

Most of the political special lation arising from the result centred on the possibility of renewed peace process, and on whether the two Sinn Fein gains made a new cessation of IRA violence more likely. Both Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness claimed their victories repre-

sented votes for peace. Within the nationalist community, Sinn Fein clearly fared better in its contest with the SDLK as the republicans from no seats to two and the

SDLP slipped from four to three. The republican surge appeared to be greeted with no reat alarm in either Londonor Dublin, however, since Since Fein has for some time seemed ... favourites to take West Belfast and Mid-Ulster and since in both cases specific local factors

played a large part in the results. Sinn Fein MPs are prohibited by their party constitution from taking Commons seats, but the republicans have already made it clear that they have plans to open an office in Long don and intend to use their par-liamentary status to the fullest possible extent without actualv taking their seats.

The success of Mr Adams in West Belfast meant the Sinn Fein president recaptured a seat he had held between 1983 and 1992. The SDLP gained more Protestant votes than previously, but Mr Adams's vote rose sharply, partly as a result of boundary changes. In Ulster Mid, Martin

McGuinness won as a result of a concerted nationalist effort to dislodge the Rev William Mc-Crea of the DUP. Mr McCrea suffered from boundary changes while the Sinn Fein candidate benefited from tactical voting by perhaps 6,000 SDLP supporters. By almost universal consent, however, the switch came about because voters opted for the nationalist candidate most likely to topple

Mr McCrea. The Ulster Unionists benefited from a split nationalist vote in the only new seat. West Tyrone, where in a particularly hard-fought contest the SDLP and Sinn Fein tied with 14,000 each, allowing William Thompson to take the seat with 16.000. This success looks likely to strengthen David Trimble's hand in his battle within Unionism with the Rey Ian Paisley. The Ulster Unionist leager said that during the election his party had faced a level of personal vituperation that he had not experienced in decades

Martin McGuinness said after his election that he was "totally in favour of dialogue, talks, negotiations and a search for a peace settlement in this country. He said the election sent a message to the British and Irish governments that a determined effort was needed to rebuild a peace process, adding: "We in Sinn Fein will do all in our power to assist in the reconstruction.

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Labour's majority of 179 is the highest since the Tories' victory in 1935

The airbrushed image of Cherie Booth masks an extraordinary personality, writes Suzanne Moore

The woman of substance who remains an enigma

You have to be pretty tough, ambitious and determined to be Prime Minister, but close to Tony Blair there is someone still tougher and more ambitious; his wife. Cherie. Whatever it is Tony has Cherie has more. Those who have met her tell you over and over again that she is eleverer than him. warmer than him, better at talking to voters than him, more interesting and engag-ing than him. Yet she is not him and has been relegated in this campaign to a limpet-like role. Mute, doe-eyed, dropping back every time the camera is present, we have heard nothing from this extraordinary woman, the so-called secret weapon of the Labour campaign. Her silence has been golden. It has neu-

tralised electoral fears of loony lefty lawyers, of superwomen, of strident Hillary Clinton types. Cherie - we still don't really know how to pronounce her name - has uttered only half a sentence in the last few weeks, and that was in the Molly Dincen party election broadcast. We don't know what she really thinks about moving house. Instead, we have been fed air-brush wholesomeness, the family values portraits, the snippets in Prima about meals to cook in 30 minutes and advice about not cutting your toenails in front of your man. Cherie certainly knows how to keep mystery in her marriage because she is a mystery. What you see is definitely not what you get. The word most often used admiringly about her is sphinx.

The less we hear of that deep, husky voice, the more difficulty we have squaring the way she appears with the way she appears to be. Fragile, shy, awkward and continually grabbing at Tony's sleeves - including yesterday's almost embarrassing attempt to kiss Tony on the steps of Number 10 - she looks a model of subservience, making Jemima Khan look Scary Spice. Then we have to dispute the facts. She's a top lawyer, a haveit-all superwoman, Catholic, a high achiever with an embarrassing dad, a woman capable of setting her mind to anything. Fiercely intelligent, proudly political, she has insisted that she will carry on with her career. She will have a life outside of her husband's, an autonomy that no former partner

of a prime minister has had before. This, anyway, is her ambition. Whether it can be achieved or not is already being debated. She wants to be a judge, she is already an Assistant Recorder, but it is possible that her role will be compromised by her husband's position. If she were to be involved in judicial reviews, interpreting legisla-tion, she could find herself advocating against Labour policy. The conflict of interests would be obvious. Apart from this, however, it would be difficult for her to accompany her husband on important foreign trips, which friends say she would want to do, once she had committed herself to long-term cases. One senses a woman who is trying to eling on to an old life because she just can't imagine what her new one will be.

Is her head full of ideas about rearranging children's bedrooms? Is she worried that there is no Sainsbury's near Downing Street? Has she thought about where Kathryn will go to school? Does she need yet more new clothes, another make-over? Does she like being a willing accomplice to the spinners and winners of the Labour aristocracy? Will she continue to be squired by Peter Mandelson and given advice by the Campbells? How many more sacrifices must she make? If she were to open her mouth one imagines nothing but a scream. Even amid the jubilation of a Labour victory her task is not enviable. She is learning how to be a consort and

in doing so is having to unlearn the inde-pendence that a woman of her generation fought hard for. If she and her husband have needed to make a conventional family life as a defence against the instability of both their backgrounds, she has still had the room to pursue a career. Now, though, because of her husband, she must play the dutiful wife, though the fear that she would be demonised as a Hillary Clinton figure has largely evaporated. Cherie was not involved in the leadership contest and has never sat in on policy meetings as Hillary did. Instead, she proved herself as a good "constituency wife", tremendously popular in Sedgefield and some would say that the remaking of her image was just part of a fortysomething crisis that she would have gone through anyway.



miliated by the intense media scrutiny to which she is subject. Our fascination with her inappropriate body language persists largely because we have nothing else to go.
on. It is clear that she and her husband don't know how to behave in public. Why should

Nonetheless, she has been hurt and hu-iliated by the intense media scrutiny to they? But for a modern, media-savvy cou-ple, they are remarkably innocent of their own image. One insider puts this down to simple lack of taste. "The Blairs have no taste at all. They are just not stylish. In that way they are the real thing, genuinely classless. They are not properly middle-class, ac-

tually they are quite naff. Tony used to have this revolting yellow baseball jacket." Others recall times before her husband's ascent when a beleaguered and exhausted Cherie would be rushing around the "bomb site" of a house stripping beds. All this, of course, is far more endearing Modern paradox Cherie Booth is having to learn the role of consort and in doing so is unlearning the independence she has fought hard for all her life. A high-flying lawyer, she is regarded by many as cleverer. warmer and more interesting than her husband, yet she has been relegated to the role of a mute, doe-eyed limpet during the election campaign. Insisting she will pursue her career and maintain a life for herself outside Downing Street, Mrs Blair may nevertheless find her role is compromised by her husband's

than the see-through media manipulation

that has been going on of late.

Far from being the threat to other women that the male spin-doctors fear, Cherie instead embodies many of the contradictions that women far less high-flying than herself are familiar with. Cherie may have it all but not a single woman I spoke to wants what Cherie has. "It must be hell."
they said again and again. It must be.
The closing down of the Labour Party
in order to win this election has meant that

Cheric has lived with this intense discipline. What people see when they look at her is the split between her public life and her private self. Sometimes she quite literally looks torn, in pain. At such moments, we realise that maybe she is not what she seems, but somehow we know she is strong enough to suffer in order to persuade us that this is the case.

There is no slipping off into becoming a Denis Thatcher-like caricature, Instead. she must put huge effort into looking relaxed, behaving naturally. The work ethic that has always compelled Cherie has always produced results. She is not used to failure. So she is working overtime at being passive, absenting herself from any controversy, labouring at being when she would rather be doing. I hope it's all worth it. I really do. Five years of meeting and greeting, grinning and bearing it is a lot for myone to take.

My fantasy about her is personal rather han political.

Something will crack and she will find herself accidentally pregnant a year on from now. Her life plan, so beautifully organised, will appear to crumble. But the child will do an unpopular government a power of good. It will be treated as royal baby and it will be born to a judge who continues to work throughout her

Cherie, in spite of her desire to perform and conform, will find herself with the autonomy she requires. And Tony? He may be shocked at first, but even he will see that a judge with morning sickness is part of the brave new future that he once promised

Fresh start on longest day

Steve Boggan

It was difficult to know when one day ended and the other began, but somewhere in between saw the dawn of a new era.

It was the beginning of a new type of government, Tony Blair style, and he wasted no time in showing the world what it meant. Within minutes of leaving Buckingham Palace as the Queen's tenth Prime Minister, it was there for all to see on the doorstep of 10 Downing Street.

Gone was the imperiousness of the Thatcher years. Gone too the bland greyness that had bedevilled John Major. Instead, a young family stood in the glare of the world's gaze, the wife hugging the husband as if she still had a schoolgirl crush on him,

the children blinking nervously.

Throughout his six-week campaign, the Labour leader stressed his vision for the future, because it was his children's future. And when he stood outside Number 10 with his wife, Cherie, their arms around Euan,

Steve Boggan on 24 hours in the life of the new Prime Minister

13. Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn, nine, it was

easy to see what he meant. Election day had been more than 24 hours long for Mr Blair. It ended when he arrived home in Islington, north London, nt around 6am yesterday after leaving be-hind ecstatic scenes at Labour's election

party in the Royal Festival Hall. But there was to be little sleep. Mr Blair rose early vesterday and spent the morning making telephone calls. At 13 minutes past noon, he stepped into the sunshine outside his home to be greeted by applause and cheers from neighbours and well-wishers. Cherie joined him for the first time in the green prime ministerial Dainoler surrendered earlier by John Major. Accompanied

by Alastair Campbell, his press secretary, Special Branch officers and police outriders, he was driven to his audience with the Queen along a route lined with crowds wav-ing Union Flags.

They were greeted at the King's Door by Lt-Commander Toby Williamson, the Queen's equerry. It was 12.31 and Mr Blair was one minute late for his appointment with the Queen in the Audience Room where, 30 minutes earlier, John Major had tendered his resignation.

Twenty-five minutes later, Mr Blair left as Prime Minister and sped to Downing Street, cheered by party workers and their children. Then, after a tour of the Downing Street living quarters, began the business of government, with a meeting with Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, and Alex Allan the Principal Private Secretary.

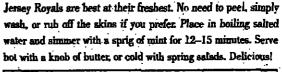
But before announcing the first members of his Cabinet. Mr Blair the family man got together with his children, his father, Leo. and Cherie's family, and had a spot of lunch. JERSEY ROYAL
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Look what's happened. A Labour landslide, goodbye to the Tories and the dawn of a creasing new era, which leads me to wonder how comics are going to deal with the next five years and tackle the characters who will make up our new government. Well, many comics will be doing what they have always done, which is to ignore politics altogether. Popular television comedy these days, with the exception of a few like Rory Bremner and Mark Thomas, shies away from any political stance at all. The Day Today, Mrs Merton, French and Sannders and Alan Partridge all keep it shut as far as political opinion is concerned, which is probably why they are on big telly channels.

Over the last 12 billion years of a Tory government, we comics have been spoiled with a wealth of flawed characters, particularly male Tory MPs who have had difficulty attempting to keep their wallets or flies shut. David Mellor, Cecil Parkinson, Jerry Hayes and the like have all been very welcome grist to the comedy mill as the press has revealed indiscretion heaped upon indiscretion. This coupled with Back to Basics, which underlined splendidly the problems MPs had living up to the Victorian ethos of little Johnnie Major, have great comedy joy to many on the circuit. And then, of course, there was the great she devil herself, Mrs Thatcher, whose comedy potential can never be underestimated. Not only did she have no sense of humour, a complete inability to understand and empathise with the lives and minds of

equivalent of the Adams Family at her side.

nia attended by the mon eyes, that had to

proper denot ones be invented by advertistrue gift to many comics. Throughout

the miners' strike and the Falklands, she ding of socialism. This, I suspect, will popped up time and time again on the com- continue, but as the Shadow Cabinet beedy circuit, whilst her son Mark became comes the Cabinet, attention will focus a by-word for getting lost and Denis replaced Oliver Reed as the comedy tippler.

Her replacement by John Major derather strange upper lip arrangement, he did not offer the wealth of psychopathic persomelity traits that could be identified in La Thatcher. However, his voice is very easy to imitate and has therefore found a place in many comics' acts, even mine when I've had a few bevvies.

One should not forget, as well, the vast range of appalling Tory women who were ripe for a good ripping apart. From Ann Widdecombe to Lady Olga Maitland, there has seemed to be an endless stream of horsey, home counties types with hearts like working people, she also had the comedy ice ready to attack single mothers or any other group which has the temerity to ap-

pear in public minus its pearls and twin set. Add to that Theresa Gorman who appears to have some form of BSE following an overdose of HRT, and Edwina Currie, who thinks she is some sort of vamp that men yearn for, and you have an easy gang to attack.

So who have we got now? Some of us have been digging at Tony Blair for years already, targeting his fixed smile, inexorable shift to the right and shed-

more on those members of the party, who hitherto have managed to retain a fairly low profile. The pickings look slim.

Will there be an Alan Clark type living pressed quite a few comics. Apart from his in a castle and nomping entire families of women? I think not. Can we expect to find some Labour MPs discovered in flagrante under the thigh-length boots of a dominatrix? Doubt it.

> The thing about comedy, is that it thrives on the excesses of the human personality and there is not an awful lot to say about someone who is trustworthy, does their job properly, loves their husband/wife and doesn't take bribes. Labour may look like this now, but as we all know, there are few people in politics that haven't got something seriously wrong with them. In the meantime: HURRAH! a million times ... we've got rid of the bastards at last.



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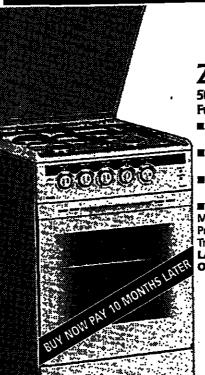
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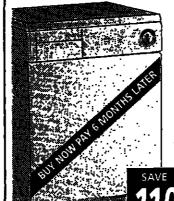
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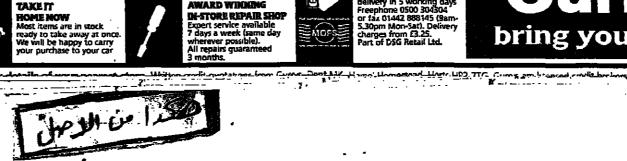
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Paddy Ashdown yesterday greeted a "seismic shift" in British politics and looked forward to the possibility of a "great Parliament of reform". Mr Ashdown, at the head of

an election campaign which ruthlessly targeted winnable seats and ignored hopeless cases, celebrated the election of 45 Liberal Democrat MPs compared with 20 at the last election. The Liberal Democrat leader pointed out that it was the best result for any third party since 1929.

While the Liberal Democrats' share of the national vote was slightly below the 18 per cent achieved in 1992, the focused nature of the election strategy enabled them to pick up most of the 50 seats they targeted. Party officials argued, however, that a fairer electoral system would have doubled the Liber-

al Democrat representation. Mr Ashdown said: "The Conservatives have suffered an election catastrophe of earth-quake proportions. No doubt they will now understand the injustice of the first past the post electoral system."

Mr Ashdown's aides emphasised Tony Blair's recently reaffirmed pledge to set up a commission to investigate proportional representation as a means of electing MPs.

The timetable agreed by both Labour and the Liberal Democrats would mean that a commission on the issue would report in a year's time and there would be a referendum on its recommendations within two vears. Depending on the result of the plebiscite, the Liberal Democrats say that a new system would be in place by the next general election.

Mr Ashdown pointed out that two-thirds of the new House of Commons was committed to the establishment of

required. They would be a constructive opposition". He also said his party would now make a far more effective opposition than the Conserva-

tives who would be preoccupied the commission and that Liberal with internal arguments.

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erate with the Government to ensure that the process went ahead as agreed. The Liberal Democrat leader said his party would assist the new administration where that

Democrat MPs would co-op-

Asked by journalists at yesterday's final press conference what he thought of Mr Major's powers of leadership, Mr Ashdown said he had fought "an honourable - almost lonely campaign". And he added: was possible and provide "vig-orous opposition" when it was "Anvone who has watched it cannot but admire his personal de-

termination and his personal courage. It has been a remarkable sight. He is a decent man leading what is a terrible party."

Liberal Democrat strategists yesterday claimed the result as a triumph for its policy of targeting marginal constituencies. They had also tried to persuade the electorate that they could be "winners" - emphasising the fact that they were the second largest party in local government.

Chris Rennard, the party's director of campaigns and elections, said that party had also clarified what it stood for. In the 1992, the Liberal Democrats had emphasised their policies on constitutional reform and the doctrine of "equidistance" hetween Labour and Conservatives. This time they had hammered home their commitment to education and health and were open about the need for more tax to finance it. Mr Ashdown was prominent on the hustings and his reputation for integrity and his tireless campaigning had proved a votewinner, Mr Rennard said.

In Taunton, for example, the Liberal Democrats were 3.336 behind the Tories in the 1992 election, securing 41 per cent of the vote, compared with the Tories' 46 per cent. This time. Jackie Ballard, the Liberal Democrat candidate, got 43 per cent of the vote to the Tories' 39 per cent. "We knew we could win if people thought we could win, said Mr Rennard. ■ In some editions yesterday, we wrongly reported that Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrats' health spokesman, had lost his Southwark North Bermondsey seat. In fact, Mr Hughes won by a margin of 3.400 over Labour.

Bell raises the standard for cleaner class of democracy

Jojo Moyes

Martin Bell, the new Independent MP for Tatton in Cheshire, vowed yesterday that he would continue to raise the issue of standards in public life, possibly with the help of the Labour Government.

Speaking at a press con-ference in Knutsford, Mr Bell, who overturned a majority of 22,000 in the fourth salest Conservative seat in the country to win his own of 11,000, said that one of his priorities would be to secure a place on the Committee of Standards and

Privileges.
The issue that got me elected had to do with standards and practices and increasing trust in the public of their elected representatives.

"I want to be as effective as I can on that issue and that will obviously involve co-operating with the Government," said Mr Bell, who made it clear that he had not been approached by the incoming Labour administration to do so.

Mr Bell, his white suit a little crumpled after a night of celebration, added that his mediumterm goal was simply to be "as good a member of Parliament or constituents as is possible"

To do this, he said, he would he in regular contact with the Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs who had stood down so that he could contest the seat against Neil Hamilton, the former Conservative minister at the centre of sleaze allegations.

"In particular, I want to work with local councillors. I also hope to have a constructive dialogue with the local Conservative Association." Mr Bell

He added that his other prime concern would be to elp the families of servicemen. The former war correspondent ascribed his astonishing victory to the "solid support" of



Martin Bell: Plans to seek

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Democrat voters, "But I know we must have got at least 10,000 Conservative voters. We also attracted a large proportion of people of no political persuasion who otherwise would not have voted," he said, adding that the result was "humbling".

Having enjoyed a rapturous welcome during a walkabout of his new constituency vesterday morning. Mr Bell admitted he felt some sympathy for his former rival "as a human being".

"But then I also told myself that he had got himself into this position. So much the obvious thing for him to have done was stood down and withdrawn his candidature for someone who would certainly have won for the

Conservatives," he said. Mr Hamilton, following his defeat, made a less-than-gracious speech in which he vowed to be back "as a the Labour and Liberal politician and as a man".

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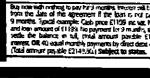
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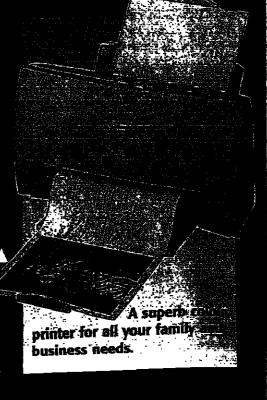
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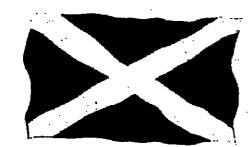
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The new Parliament will comprise the largest number of women MPs ever seen in Britain

Scotland and Wales: Tory-free zones



Once a majority, now down to nil

Stephen Goodwin

Michael Forsyth went fishing yesterday morning as the Conservative Party he led before the election tried to come to terms with its annihilation in

The Conservatives, who in the 1950s were the majority par-ty in Scotland, not only have no MPs, but no members of the European Parliament. Not one council in Scotland is under Tory

David McLetchie, president of the depleted voluntary wing of the party, said the Conserv-atives in Scotland had to go back to basics and then rebuild. Mr McLetchie did not rule out dropping the party's full-blooded opposition to devolution, which had been such a feature of Mr Forsyth's period as Secretary of State for Scotland.

Mr Forsyth, one of three Cabinet ministers in Scotland to lose his seat, ruled himself out of any immediate political activity, including, it seemed, the possibility of leading opposition to Labour's proposed referendum on a Scottish

"I am going to take my own advice and reflect on the result. but I think it is very unlikely for the foreseeable future that I will be involved in politics. Although I shall remain a member of the Conservative Party here in Scotland and will do anything I can to assist in the Unionist cause." Mr Forsyth told reporters he had already been fishing in his new life as

Private Subject Forsyth". Most Scots Tories still seemed too shocked at their party's overnight annihilation to think about the future.

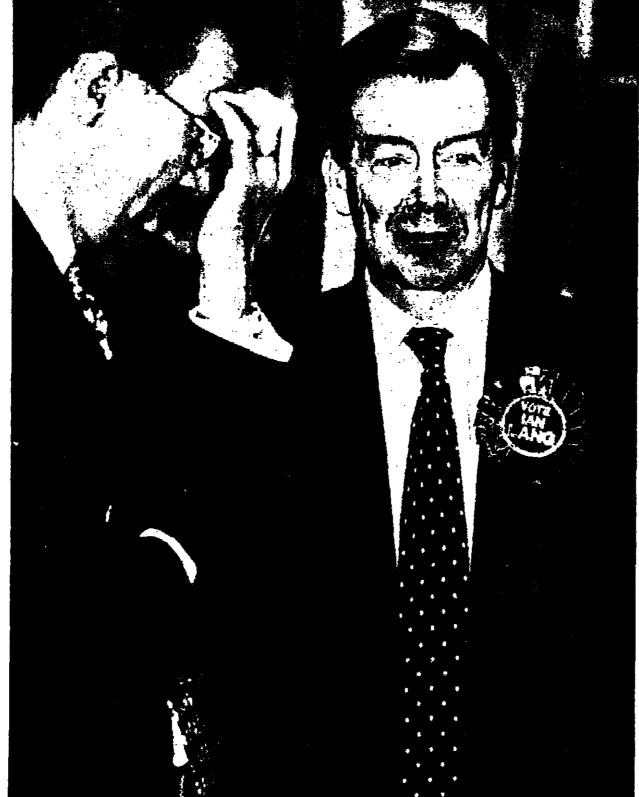
The wipeout means that a Tory representing an English constituency will now have to act as shadow Secretary of State for Scotland. There are several Scots-born Tories capable of filling the post, but the bizarre nature of the arrangement is bound to provoke protests when the unfortunate appointee rises to speak in the

Under current rules there will also be no Tories on the Scottish Grand Committee, since membership is limited to the country's 72 MPs. Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish Nationalists, said he would strongly resist any Tories from England being "parachuted" on to the committee.

The SNP and Liberal Democrats spent yesterday vying for the role of "official opposition" north of the border. By careful targeting, the Liberal Democrats won 10 seats in Scotland while the SNP, on a larger 22 per cent share of the vote, added only two seats to the four they held before 1

May.
Privately, the SNP was
disappointed not to have won any seats from Labour and their tally fell short of the Salmond had wanted.

Sounding rather like a football manager claiming success on his team's share of possession rather than goals, Mr Salmond told reporters: "We are still the Braveheart of Scottish politics. We are also claiming to be the official opposition in Scotland."



Last stand: Ian Lang contemplating defeat at the Galloway and Upper Nithsdale count Photograph: Angus McDougal



Labour takes 34 of 40 Welsh seats

Tony Heath

Amid loud cheers at 12.30pm yesterday, Wales became a Tory-free zone. The party's final humiliation in the Celtic parts came when the Liberal Democrat Richard Livsey spectacularly overturned a 130 Tory majority to win Brecon and Radnorshire by more than 5.000 votes. Fittingly, it was Mr Livsey's 62nd birthday.

"A wonderful present." he remarked as the inevitable media scrum descended on him outside Powys County Council Offices in Brecon.

In an historic turn of events a rampant Labour Party took 34 of the 40 Welsh seats. Plaid Cymru retained the four it held and the Liberal Democrats won Montgomeryshire and the mar-ginal gain by Mr Livsey. A husband-and-wife team

will be sitting on the Labour benches. Julie Morgan, who won Cardiff North from the Tories, will join her husband, Rhodri, who comfortably retained Cardiff West. Four of Labour's 34 Welsh MPs are

The turn-round in Tory fortunes is unprecedented. In the 1983 election, when Margaret Thatcher's powers were at their height, the party held 14 seats in Wales and boasted that the Principality was turning blue.

Some 14 years later, as the dust settles, recriminations began. Sir Eric Howells, president of the Welsh Conservative Par-ty, said bitterly: "We lost be-cause we were divided and a party divided will always lose. And after 18 years people believed it was time for a change."

Ron Davies, who is expected to become Secretary of State for Wales, claimed that history was being rewritten. "This is the best result ever for us in Wales."

Plaid Cymru, which failed to live up to its forecast of gaining at least one extra seat, was subdued.

Marc Phillips, the party chair-man, maintained that "the Labour tidal wave" had rendered the task impossible. Plaid Cymru's leader, Dafy-

dd Wigley, insists that the op-tion of independence should be included in the referendum Labour proposes to hold. Support for an elected assembly is finely balanced. A

large number of people are undecided - some estimates suggest up to 30 per cent. Electors still making up their minds hold the key, while opponents constantly refer to the result of the 1979 referendum,

Wales voted "no" Mr Davies, the architect of Labour's proposals, stresses that a priority of the assembly would be to bring under control Wales's burgeoning quangoes, which account for about a third

of the Welsh Office's annual £6bn budget. Calls for a cull of Tory placemen running the quangoes are being voiced sotto voce.

Tony Blair told a Wales Labour Party conference earlier this year that he would campaign for a "yes" vote.

That undertaking promises to bind him closer to party activists in Wales, who yesterday were basking in post-election eu-phoria as well as temperatures up in the 70s.

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Revealed: the secret of Labour's union task force

Christian Wolmar

A secret team of 9,000 trade unionists was deployed by the unteers were. Labour Party during the elec-

tion campaign. The existence of the trade union task force was kept secret to avoid criticisms from the Tories about the links between Labour and the unions, which remain an important source of funding for the party.

Even when the party discussed its organisational structure of task forces at its Millbank campaign headquarters, it never revealed the existence of the trade union force. A Millbank insider, who sat

It was very successful as nobody realised how important the vol-

The Independent has discovered that a group of 10 full-time staff at Millbank co-ordinated an enormous team of trade union volunteers, which included many trade union staff.

They were deployed, as necessary, to go on the stump in key seats and staff the phone banks which were used for much of the canvassing. The number of willing activists was a major weapon in key seats.

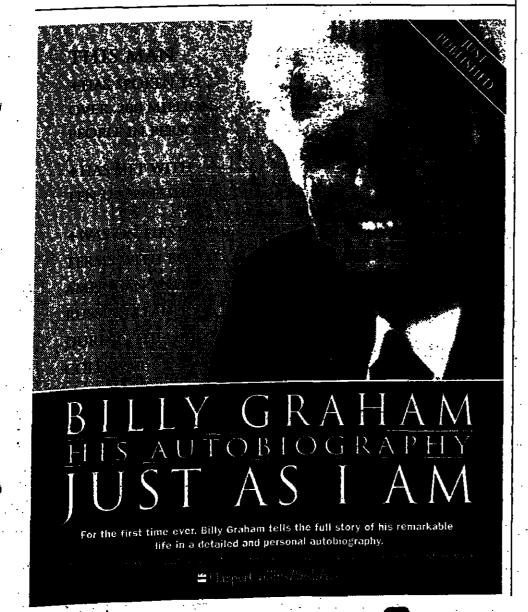
As well as co-ordinating this little army, the unit, headed by John Mann, the national officer responsible for links between near the team, said: "They were the party and the unions, liaised told not to reveal their existence

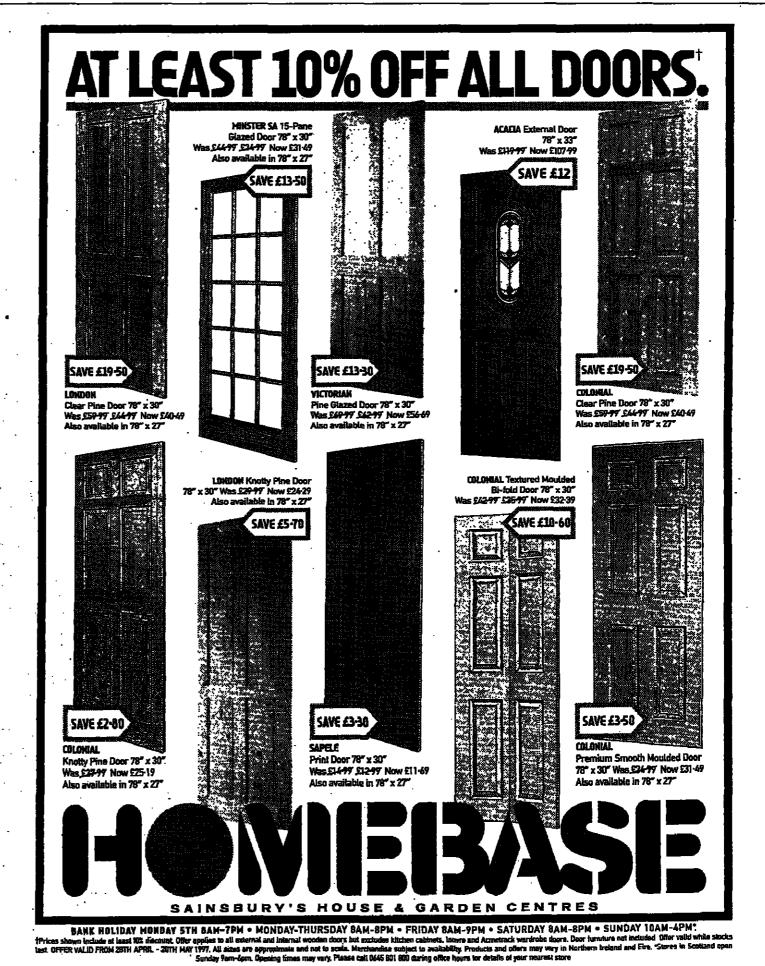
and not to discuss their work. with the trade unions over their support for the campaign and kept them informed about it.

According to Millbank staff, "the trade union leaders were not gagged. They just knew what was expected of them and kept quiet. But we did tell them about what was going on".

Labour was surprised that the Tories never really attacked the party about its links with the

After a flurry in the third week of the campaign over Labour's commitment to allow unions to force companies to recognise them, if a majority of workers want recognition, unions were one of the several dogs that did not bark in the Tory campaign.





At 24, the youngest MP of all

Claire Ward has just won the Watford seat, and at 24 will be the youngest female MP in the the most inexperienced. SI already a councillor and M or of Elstree and Boreh wood, in Hertfordshire, w

Speaking on the Embankment at Westminster yesterday she said she expected the influx of new women to make

"I think men are going to find some of the women MPs looking for some real changes," she says. "We don't want to see a boys' club any more. I'm sure there will be a little resistance but I am sure there will be a forceful voice from women MPs. Women have a different perspective on politics. Quite often it is more about finding solutions

than always battling.' Photograph: Brian Harris

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Boys' club grudgingly gives room to women

Political Correspondent

Watch out, boys - they're coming. From now on, the House of Commons will no longer be a men-only club - albeit one which has grudgingly opened its doors to women.

Yesterday, women MPs, both new and old, welcomed in the dawn of an era in which they hope their critical mass will begin to shift centuries of male domination.

In the new intake of MPs there will be a total of 116 women, 101 of them sitting on the Labour benches. In the last Parliament there were 60.

It has hardly been a storming of the bastions, of course. Sev-

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enty-nine years after the election of Britain's first woman MP, some might even think it sad that having five male MPs to every one female was a cause for celebration. But the number of women in

Parliament, which has crept up gradually ever since the Irish republican Countess Markievicz refused to take her Dublin City seat, has finally taken its great leap forward.

While the new intake is still searching in vain for the ladies, of which there are there desperately few, the old guard plans to take significant new ground. All the intake of '97 be-

lieves there will be changes, both physical and cultifial.
They hope for aless confront-

ational atmosphere, a more constructive approach and anone opportunities to raise assue which matter to women cluding child-care and education

Margaret Hodge, win came MP for Barking in says she believes there is now critical mass of women in the House which will help to blow fresh air into some of its fustier corners.

"What I have felt in the past is not necessarily that the men were sexist, but that they felt uncomfortable with us in their club." she says. -

They were used to conducting their day-to-day lives in their own way. I think we have probably cracked it now."

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The arguments will continue to rage, of course, over whether. the number of women in Parliament really matters at all. While some believe women can be just as confrontational as men - "look at Margaret

Thatcher", they say - others believe they are more constructive. One sitting woman MP says that in committees, female ministers have a different approach and are easier to deal

'It doesn't mean you get any further but at least you don't constantly feel you are in some sort of duel," she says.

Angela Smith, who has won Basildon, in Essex, was one of 35 candidates selected through all-women shortlists before an industrial tribunal put a halt to Labour's controversial policy

She believes the lists "set an agenda" for the party and that even though they have gone, the momentum will continue. She hopes the sight of more women MPs will keep new entrants coming in.

Tories regain lost ground in the shires

David Walker

The Conservatives yesterday Home Counties, Lincolnshire and Hampshire in a set of local election gains that go some party suffered in the general election.

mocrats. But Labour lost some significant seats too, including that of the leader of Essex County Council, Chris Pearson. He seems to have been blamed for the recent industrial

action by the Fire Brigades Union in protest at budget plans prepared by the Labour-Liberal Democrat coalition in the county.

Results did not all go in the

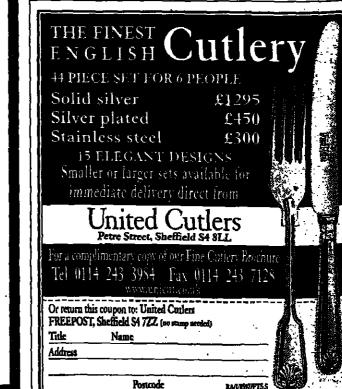
same direction. The Liberal Democrats won control of some counties the Conservative Torbay and Newbury, both comeback is unmistakable. In newly-minted "unitary" coun- Hampshire the Tories gained 19 cils. The Conservative cause in seats, all at the expense of the the shire counties may have. Liberal Democrats, who also benefited from the adjustment lost a seat to Labour. of boundaries. In Bedfordshire, a gain for the Tories, the loss of edition of *The Independent*.

Luton - a new unitary - may have helped their cause.

Labour consolidated its hold won control of several of the in the North, including Durham and Northumberland. It took Cumbria, where no party had been in overall control since way to salve the wounds the 1985. Labour dominance of urban England was confirmed as it took control of such new Most Tory wins were at the unitary authorities as Blackpool expense of the Liberal Deand Nottingham, Plymouth and Warrington.

The Tory gains look unlikely to upset Labour dominance in the Local Government Association, the body which will be negotiating on local authorities behalf with the Government

The Tory recovery in the counties is partly a reflection of the party's dire performance in the last elections in 1993, when they were left in control of Buckinghamshire alone. In



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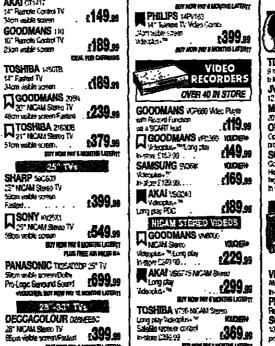
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The prospect of an internationally important bird reserve lying next to a popular bird shoot was always going to try the patience of twitchers and shooters alike.

However, a dispute over the leasing of marshes near Topsham, on the Exe estuary, Devon, has grown into a conflict between those who like to gaze at their birds through binoculars and those who prefer to view

them through a gun sight.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) wants to extend its reserve at Bowling Green Marshes by gaining access to a stretch of muddy foreshore and imposing a no-shooting policy.

The Devon Wildfowlers also want

to negotiate a lease with the Crown Commissioners, owners of the foreshore, to offer a generous section of shootable waterfront to their mem-bers. A local nobleman and a magazine editor have joined the fray and the wildfowlers are receiving anonymous hate mail, although not from

The RSPB fears bird-watchers will get a bad deal if they do not win the lease. The charity's regional manager, John Waldon, said: "Wildfowling has always gone on but we would like to



see it zoned in an area that will not spoil people's enjoyment of the reserve. It's not asking an awful lot to have a no-shooting zone around the reserve. "Most of the time wildfowlers are very good but there is al-ways the risk that they will shoot a

rare bird by accident. If they win, they win, and I'm sure they will police the site well but I'm also sure bird-watchers will be disappointed that their bird-watching will be disrupted."
Although Mr Waldon accepted

in the area recently, according to an RSPB study in 1986 it then accounted for 1 per cent of all shooting on the Exe estuary. The Devon Wildfowlers insist their leasing of the land would protect it from unthat while wildlowing has increased trained, rogue shooters. The club's

secretary, Peter Young, said: "All our members have to pass a very strin-gent test. Unless they get a 100-percent test on bird recognition, they cannot shoot. At the moment, this is crown land and anyone can shoot on crown land, no matter how poor

their bird recognition might be." In a recent disturbing development Mr Young received an anonymous hate letter on the issue of who should get access to this stretch of foreshore. Lord Courtenay, eldest son of the 17th Earl of Devon,

Shot by both sides: Birdwatchers are locked in dispute with gun enthusiasts over the marshland near Topsham Photograph: John Voos

whose family owns other large stretches of the foreshore near his Powderham Castle seat on the western banks of the estuary, has got involved pledging support for what he terms the "working-man's sport of wildfowling."

Last week the editor of Field magazine, Jonathan Young, Peter Young's son, joined forces in the campaign to prevent the RSPB getting the remaining available fore-shore, saying it wanted "to stop local people enjoying their old sport." Now, in mid-spring, the de-bate is intensifying as migrating birds return to the marshes from winter sojourns abroad. Last week the first sand martins flew in, swooping low over the marshes, and little egrets, rare in Britain until a few years ago, were also seen along the water's edge. Later this year, when many species are preparing to leave again for their flights south, the Crown Commissioners will make their decision on who gets the fore-

Spending watchdog accused of errors

Christian Wolmar Westminster Correspondent

MPs on the Commons Public Accounts Committee have been criticised for producing a report containing errors and failing to consider fresh evidence. Tony Danaher, a partner in Tamesis, a London-based marketing company, is writing to the PAC to ask for the inquiry into financial irregularines at the Ply-Development Corporation (PDC) to be reopened after publication of its

report this month. The complaint raises the issue of whether investigations by the committee, whose findings are privileged and so cannot be challenged in court, are thorough enough. There is also the question of natural justice, as an organisation criticised in the report was not given the opportunity to respond or provide evidence. Mr Danaher said: "We were quite willing to give evidence and explain details of what went wrong ... But no one asked us to. The first we heard about the report was when it ap-peared in the Independent."

The National Audit Office.

whose investigation formed much of the PAC's report, admitted Tamesis had not been spoken to directly. A spokeswoman said: "Most of the work was carried out by the external auditors. The former chief executive, John Collinson, and the department provided information." The PDC was set up in 1993 to stimulate redevelopment of three waterfront sites

in the city. The PAC report criticised Mr Collinson for claiming £9,200 expenses he was not entitled to. But it also criticised the contract with Tamesis. In particular, it says it was not let by competitive tender, but Mr Danaher was able to show the Independent detailed tender

documents. He said: "There were three other companies involved and we had to do a lot of detailed work in order to win the contract.

The report concluded: "The

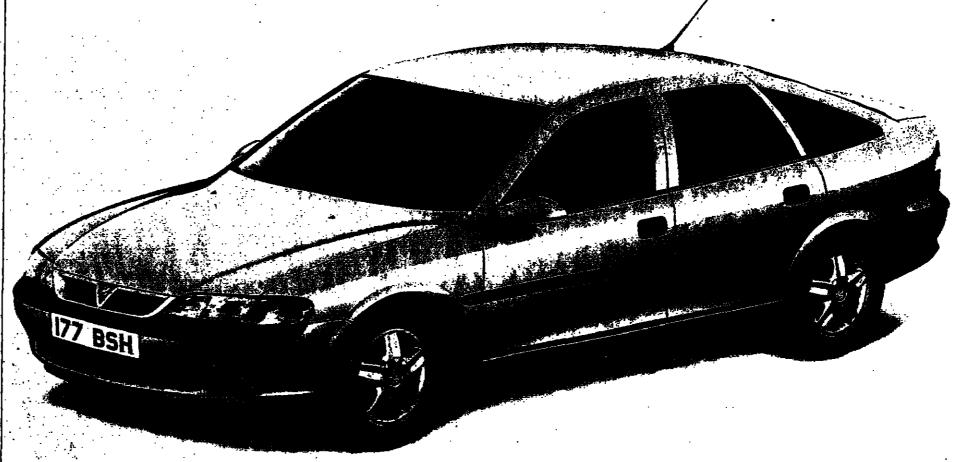
corporation, by accepting insufficiently specific invoices from their marketing consultants, in effect relinquished control of the marketing budget." However, Tamesis says this style of invoices was specifically requested by the corporation. The report also says Tamesis sent three staff members to the US for a prize-g ing ceremony for the twohanded transatlantic vacht race which the corporation sponsored. Mr Danaher said: "We only sent one member of staff, on the request of the corporation, to provide press-officer ser vices. They must have confused us with the two civil servants who travelled to the US with their families."

Mr Danaher says the MPs' inquiry missed the main point: "The ... whole way the corporation was set up, run and funded was wrong. It would have been much better to have given the £37.5m to the local council to regenerate the area, rather than parachuting in a whole new agency which had enormous setting-up costs. The local councillors on the board of the corporation were far more competent than the private-sector people, who were there because they were hoping to make a profit."

The concept of urban-development corporations, introduced by the Tories in the 1980s, has had a mixed record.

There have been some successes at attracting private finance but critics have pointed spent on unsuccessful schemes and there have been several instances of waste highlighted by

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Thefts are a bad sign for tourists

Alan Murdoch

An outbreak of roadside kleptomania has left unknown numbers of tourists wandering the baffled by the country's lack of Irish countryside with nowhere

to go.

The current vogue for Irish pubs across Europe, the United States and now even as far away as Peking, has seen attractive old iron road signs pointing towards quaint and obscure destinations - become prized decorative artefacts in Irish bars from California to northern Italy.

But the disappearing placenames have created major headaches for local authorities. Some officials suspect that the growth of hundreds of new Irish pubs is the prime cause of the disappearance of singlename "finger signs" at a cost of £60 each. A spokesman for the Department of the Environment in Dublin confirmed they had been receiving complaints from fraught overseas visitors

a sense of direction, so to speak. Prime targets for the light-figgered dealers providing signs for pub interiors are counties such as Cork, Galway, Kerry and Donegal, where endless quiet cross-roads mean no shortage of unusual names from Ballydehob to Ballinferriter and Glencolumbkille\Gleann Cholm

Kerry is perhaps the most targeted area. According to road supervisor Gearoid MacGearailt the problem has been apparent for the past five or six

They're looking particular-ly especially for the old-fashioned cast-iron ones. If they're up you're in trouble," be said.



Equal footing: A female soldier from the Royal Irish regiment (Home Services) on patrol in Northern Ireland

Women soldiers join frontline war against the IRA

Female troops face snipers in bandit country

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Female soldiers are now part of front-line British Army foot patrols and potential targets for IRA snipers in the "bandit country" of south Armagh.

The Army says its policy has not changed and that women are not "active" components of what it describes as fire teams. But observers in the province say they have noticed more female soldiers operating on the front line as the Army has intensified its operations in Northern Ireland in the face of and upsurge in IRA attacks.

One of the sightings which sparked interest occurred recently in south Armagh, near where 23-year old Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick was killed by a sniper on 12 February. During a day of intensive searches, a patrol of eight soldiers was moving through a middle-class subarb off Cathedral Road. Armagh. Two of them were women. When a passer-by expressed surprise, a male soldiers said "Oh, yes, mate. We've

got loads of those now". They don't look like women in full battle kit," a witness said. Because only their faces are visible. But one of them turned round and I saw it was a woman. Then another one stepped over a wall, and I could see it was a

woman by the way she moved." The witness said the soldiers spoke with English accents, suggesting they were from 3rd Reg-iment, Royal Horse Artillery – Lance Bombadier Restorick's unit - which has completed a sixmonth tour in the province.

An Army spokesman said women were not part of the fire team in infantry patrols, but wore helmets and body armour and carried personal weapons - the SA-80 rifle - for self-defence. Whereas the riflemen carry SA-80s with telescopic sights, everyone else has nonoptical "iron sights", which women usually carry. He said women were not put in high-risk situations - for example, where search dogs were being used.

The presence of women patrolling in south Armagh is sensitive because IRA snipers have been targeting British troops. The Royal Ulster Con- you". He thought better of it.

stabulary and the Army recently seized two high-powered Barrett sniper rilles - 5ft long, and firing a bullet half an inch in diameter over 2km, plus other weapons and ammunition in an operation two weeks ago. The IRA has been using the Barretts, which are effective precision weapons up to

about a kilometre, since 1992. Women now make up 6.1 per cent of the Army, and 70 per cent of the jobs in the Army are open to them, although 1991 guidelines prevent their employment in frontline roles in the infantry, armour and units of the artillery and engineers directly supporting them. Women

are now part of artillery units. However, the Army said. when artillery troops were employed as infantry in Northern Ireland, the same rules applied as to infantry, and women do not take an "active" role. The women would have been assigned to the patrol in case it

had to search civilians. The Army said it has long been standard practice for patrols which might have to set up vehicle checkpoints to have women with them. They often come from the locally recruited Royal Irish Regiment. Women also perform key roles in the Intelligence Corps and the Royal Military Police.

The Army has not gone out of its way to advertise women's security role in Ireland. On one occasion recently, a press photographer attempted to get a picture of a woman who was part of a British Army patrol. "Fuck off," she said, "Or we'll nick

Rare butterfly puts water firm's plan to flight

Nicholas Schoon FUAILDULISM A

A rare butterfly is helping a water company save half a million pounds off the cost of an expensive sewage scheme.

The presence of the endangered Durham argus butterfly on a clifftop at Horden, Co Durham, forced Northumbrian Water to think about how to avoid placing construction works on its habitat.

The alternative engineering works it came up with for building a £9.4m tunnel and pipeline taking treated sewage effluent out to sea should end up being cheaper than the conventional method.

The caterpillars of the small chocolate and orange butterfly live on rock roses growing on the clifftop magnesian limestone grasslands of the Durham coastline.

The babitat at Horden, near Easington, is a governmentdesignated site of special scientific interest, largely because of the butterfly's presence. But it also lies between a new coastal sewage treatment works and the sea.

In normal circumstances, the water company would have created a construction site on the clifftop and another down on the beach.

Engineers would have sunk a big vertical shaft down to sea level from the top of the cliff, then joined this to another below-sea level tunnel dug from the beach to take the effluent out to sea.

But the butterfly's presence made the company think twice about clifftop works, and it has decided to dig a longer, sloping tunnel from a construction site set 350m back from the clifftop, avoiding the argus's haunts...

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Sarah Helm Brussels

The euphoria which spread over much of Britain on Thursday night had by yesterday wafted on a breeze across the English Channel

By midday, patches of that cuphonic haze appeared to be settling over several continental capitals. Politicians and diplomats in Paris, Bonn, Brussels and the Hagne were heard talking in light-headed, optimistic tones about Tony Blair, the new Prime Minister of Britain.

Not only did the election bring predictions, all over Britain, of a fundamental shift in the political scene, but here too, in continental Europe, Mr Blair's victory was being greet-ed as a sign of a fundamental shift in the European Union's political

landscape.

The dominant sentiment was that at last the rest of the Europe would be able to get on with the job of building a more integrated Europe without destructive carping from one recalcitrant member state.

Whatever cautiousness Mr Blair might have shown so far on the issue of European integration, it has always been evident to other states that Mr Blair views himself as pro-European, and will work to to restore a harmonious relationship between London and Brussels.

Jacques Santer, the European Commission president, could barely conceal his relief at the prospect of speeding the negotiations in the

Conservative stubbornness.

Mr Santer applauded Mr Blair's "outstanding victory", saying that he had come to power at a "crucial stage" of the union's development. He listed the challenges of the IGC, which included enlargement, economic and monetary union, budgetary reform and completing the

single market. More significant, however, than the displays of sudden affection for British leader was the speed with which Britain's partners sought to interpret the British election result as a blow against Euro-scepticism not

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just in Britain, but across the union. Every European Union country has experienced Euroscepticism in recent

Now it seems that Britain, the country which has seen the most virulent form of the Eurosceptic virus. has rejected it at the polls.

Mr Kohl, who is himself fighting German doubts about the single currency, was swift to hold up the British result as a lesson to sceptics

And Hervé de Charette, the

dam Treaty, held up by 18 months of Euro-sceptic sentiment in the current French elections, said: "This is a blow against British Euroscepticism." He added: "This election marks a step back from Euroscepticism".

As the euphoric haze wafts away again, and the dreary process of EU negotiation starts up again, some of the hopes among Britain's partners may prove to be wishful thinking.

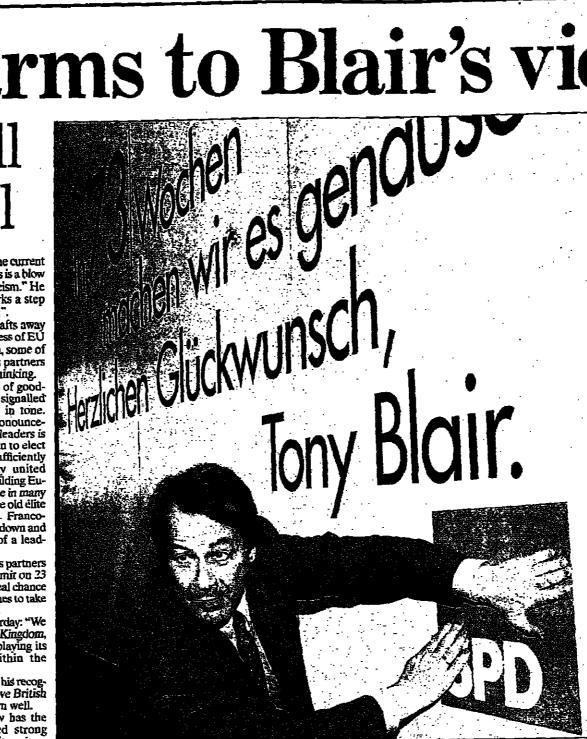
However, the messages of good-will from the Continent signalled more than just a change in tone. What is evident in the pronouncements of many European leaders is a genuine desire for Britain to elect a prime minister with a sufficiently clear vision and a party united enough to take a lead in building Europc. There is a strong sense in many capitals that the vision of the old elite is losing its clarity. The Franco-German engine is running down and there is widespread talk of a lead-

ership vacuum. When Mr Blair meets his partners for his first European summit on 23 May he will have his first real chance to demonstrate that he wishes to take up such a leadership role.

Mr Santer told him yesterday: "We look forward to the United Kingdom, under your government, playing its rightful leading role within the

Mr Santer was candid in his recog-nition that a dose of positive British pragmatism could go down well. Never more than now has the

European Union needed strong British commitment with its unique



French foreign minister, whose government is also struggling to counter efficiency," he said.

Sign of the times: A German election poster being unveiled outside Social Democratic Party headquarters in Bonn yesterday. It reads: "In 73 weeks we will do the same. Congratulations Tony Blair" Photograph: AP

Brits join Pravda

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David Usborne

If you couldn't be on the South Bank yesterday for the Tony Blair victory rally Pravda, South of Houston - better known as SoHo - was a reasonable alternative. There was no rocking with Neil Kinnock, but we did have Bianca.

There was a wide choice of ejec-tion-count parties in New Yorkon Thursday, Barclays had billionaue fi-nancier George Soros and fine wines atop the World Trade Center while the British consulate lured hundreds with a real swingometer and members of the Royal Marines Band sporting pith helmets and bugies.

With apologies to them, however, the hot ticket assuredly was Pravda. How could you resist an evening laid on by the Labour Party (US Branch) in one of lower Manhattan's hippest ioints? And called Pravda too.

This was no rebellion by New York Labourites wishing to reassert their cloth-cap heritage. True. the Pravda kitchen made an attempt at proletarian fare by offering cheese and ham toasted sandwiches. And if you really asked around, a smattering of long-standing Labour Party members could be found.

Instead, it was New Labour-New York on parade. For several months, some of Manhattan's most famous refugees from Tory Britain - like former Times editor Harold Evans - had been leading a much-publicised effort to raise dollars for Blair. This was their night to bask in the victory happening thousands of miles away.

Champagne socialists? Bollinger Bolsheviks? A sponsor for the night was Heidecker. Heidecker Hampsteaders? Call them what you like. they won't care. Nor would Robbie Coltrane, who was also there. Nor Lauren Hutton, who explained her presence thus: "Two of my former

boyfriends were British. Later, Ms Jagger and I find ourselves together in a television studio untown as guests on an election night special. The news lands that Michael Portillo is out, and she smiles.

To millions she confesses: she adores Tony Blair and now, with him in power, she intends moving. Bianca is coming to London.

Global leaders eager to meet new voice of Britain

Foreign Staff and agencies

Tony Blair won warm congratulations from world leaders yesterday, many of whom will be eager to sound him

The French President Jacques Chirac said he would be happy to meet Mr Blair soon in the French capital. A Franco-British summit is likely to follow shortly; France and Britain have moved much closer in their positions on Europe, and the change of government in London is unlikely to derail that.

Kohl perceived in John Major's fate a famous victory over Euro-scepticism. "Voters did not like the anti-European rhetoric of the past few days and weeks and this should be a lesson for all those who want to win votes with anti-European polemics."

Mr Kohl told reporters. He was quick to dispense advice, urging Mr Blair to return Britain to its rightful place in the heart of Europe: "I'm sure the new government will see very quickly and very clear-ly that standing on the sidelines amid all the developments in Europe will

more friendly towards Europe than the Conservatives were."

A White House spokesman said President Bill Clinton called Mr Blair on Thursday night "to congratulate him on his victory". It was no secret that there was little love lost between the White House and Downing Street while Mr Major was the occupant: the Conservative party launched a search for damaging information on Mr Clinton in British files during the 1992 election: The spokesman said Mr Clinton had

Germany's Chancellor Helmut not bring any advantages for Britain also tried to reach Mr Major, but had Major. He played this down vester-ohl perceived in John Major's fate ... I would welcome it if Labour were been unable to get through to him. day. while not ruling it out. "I Chris Patten, Governor of Hong

Kong and a former chairman of the Conservative Party, congratulated Mr Blair but said he was taken aback by the result. "As a Conservative, although not an active Conservative at the moment, the result comes as something of a shock. Mr Patten told Hong Kong television.

Mr Patten's job will be abolished when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule at the end of next mouth, and there has been speculation that he

from the Australian Labor Party. "He learned a lot from us, as he would acknowledge himself," said Kim Beazley. "There's a great deal that wouldn't advise anybody to put any money on me. One of the things which I lack in the party leadership stake is a seat in the Commons. I

wouldn't take that seriously," he said. Hong Kong's leading democrat, Martin Lee, urged Mr Blair yester-day to "actively defend" Hong Kong's democratic institutions after the colony's I July transition to Chinese rule.

In Australia, the opposition Labor Party said Mr Blair's success was in will be a candidate to succeed Mr part a result of the lessons he learned

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and he hoped to further their close

ties. Mr Gujral said he had invited

Mr Blair to visit. However, state-run

All India Radio said the Labour Par-

ty's stand on Kashmir had been am-

bivalent and it suggested Mr Blair

take a fresh look on the matter.

election victory," he added.

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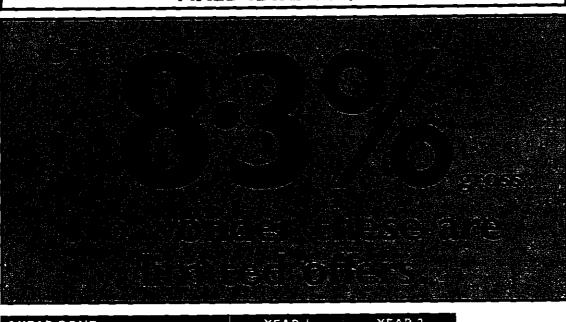
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Mr Mobutu has insisted he would never how to Mr Kabila's demand to resign, but his illness and the international pressure to step down may force him to do so. The United States and in Zaire's civil war, the establishment of a transitional government that includes rebels Kabila has." and opposition parties, and a plan for free, fair elections. After initially refusing to the talks, Mr Mobutu eventually late yesterday afternoon. Zairian Foreign Minister Gerard Kamanda wa Kamanda

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Laurent Kahila

Pointe Noire - Zairian President

country's capital of Kinshasa

yesterday for the first face-to-

face talks with rebel leader

U.S. envoy Bill Richardson, who has been in the region since Monday brokering the peace talks, said "the main elements

"In my view, this meeting will produce a process that involves a transfer of power and hopefully a transitional, inclusive Mobutu Sese Seko left his government," he added.

rebel leader

South African President Nelson Mandela was already aboard the ship to help mediate the talks, "We are dealing with two outstanding leaders who are conscious of the importance of an amiable settlement," Mr Mandela said. "I am confident they will realise the importance of a peaceful settlement. I know other countries want a cease-fire few leaders who have made military gains and nevertheless been committed to peace as Mr

State television in Harare, Zimbabwe, yesterday quoted Mr Kabila as saying the talks board a helicopter at Pointe Noire which was to fly him to a South African naval vessel for changed his mind again".

Once all parties were aboard arrived on the SAS Outeniqua the ship, it set sail for Soyo, an Angolan coastal town at the point where the Zaire-Angola borders meet. The talks are to said the vibration of the heli- be held in a windowless, aircopter ride would have been too conditioned container aboard hard on Mr Mobutu, 66, who is the ship and will be presided suffering from prostate cancer over by Mr Mandela and U.N. special envoy Mohamed

An American diamond miner in Lubumbashi, meanwhile, of any agreement will be dealt said troops from Angola as

capital. The United States has warned Angola not to get involved in the conflict in Zaire.

Angolan Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura denied reports that Angolan troops were fighting alongside the "Once again, we categorically

deny (these reports). We want for there to be a peaceful process in Zaire, which will modify the regime which for about 32 years systematically destabilised Angola," de Moura said. Angola's formerly Marxist government has strong reasons to hope for the fall of Mobutu, who allowed Angolan rebels to ship weapons through Zaire



with by the Zairians them- well as Angolan tanks and Sun sets on realm of the great dictator

A few miles west of the Zairean capital Kinshasa, beside the great cataracts on the Congo river, lies the military base of Camp Tshatsi. Here, guarded by the practorians of his Special ential Deta (DSP), the last of the great postcolonial dictators has finally

gone to ground. It is a suitably uninspiring location for Mobutu Sese Seko's last stand. In the camp, visitors to his villa drive past crumbling barracks and a vehicle park full of dead armoured cars, relics of the President's Cold

War popularity with the West. Outside the gate, two small guns stand on broken wheels, rusting in symbolic defiance of the president's enemies. Members of the DSP slouch here and there beyond the 12ft railings or

sprawl on the grass. For three decades these forces have been enough to overawe the people of Kinshasa, and Mr Mobutu's dwindling supporters still maintain they can save the day against the rapidly advancing rebels of Lau-



Mobutu: Pressed to quit

rent Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces. But this week, when fate finally came calling on Mobutu Sese Seko, it drove straight through the defences and up to the house.

The US special envoy, Bill Richardson, was protected by the Stars and Stripes and armed with a letter from Bill Clinton. It took two visits, interspersed with a trip to see Mr Kabila in Lubumbashi, but by Wednesday evening Mr Richardson was standing on the villa steps and announcing that he had achieved the improbable - Mr. Kabila and Mr Mobutu were finally to meet. Mr Mobutu, in other words, was being winkled out of his refuge and sent to ne-

gotiate his doom. The 66-year-old president attended the press conference but said nothing. When he sat, his large hands, placed on his knees, served only to show how painfully thin his legs had become. Rumours abound that the surgery he had in Switzerland last year failed to arrest the effects of prostate cancer. Two months ago, when he returned from his convalescence in France, he surprised everybody with his apparent health and Ed O'Loughlin

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vigour. This week he looked more like the dying man he is supposed to be.

For observers in Kinshasa, the press conference was a revelation. Not only did it suggest that Mr Mobutu was after all, seriously ill, but it was also the first hint that he was bowing to pressure to stand down. Earlier, his aides emphasised

that he had no intention of accepting South African and US proposals for a meeting Mr Kabila on a South African ship off Gabon. Mr Kabila was saying he would attend, but only to participate in "a short ceremony" at which Mr Mobutu would stand down.

Mr Mobutu has little left to bargain with, but dinlomats believe he will do what he can to hang on to power for as long as possible. So it is believed he may be under the influence of military figures and possibly family members who are not fully informing him of the gravity of the situation.

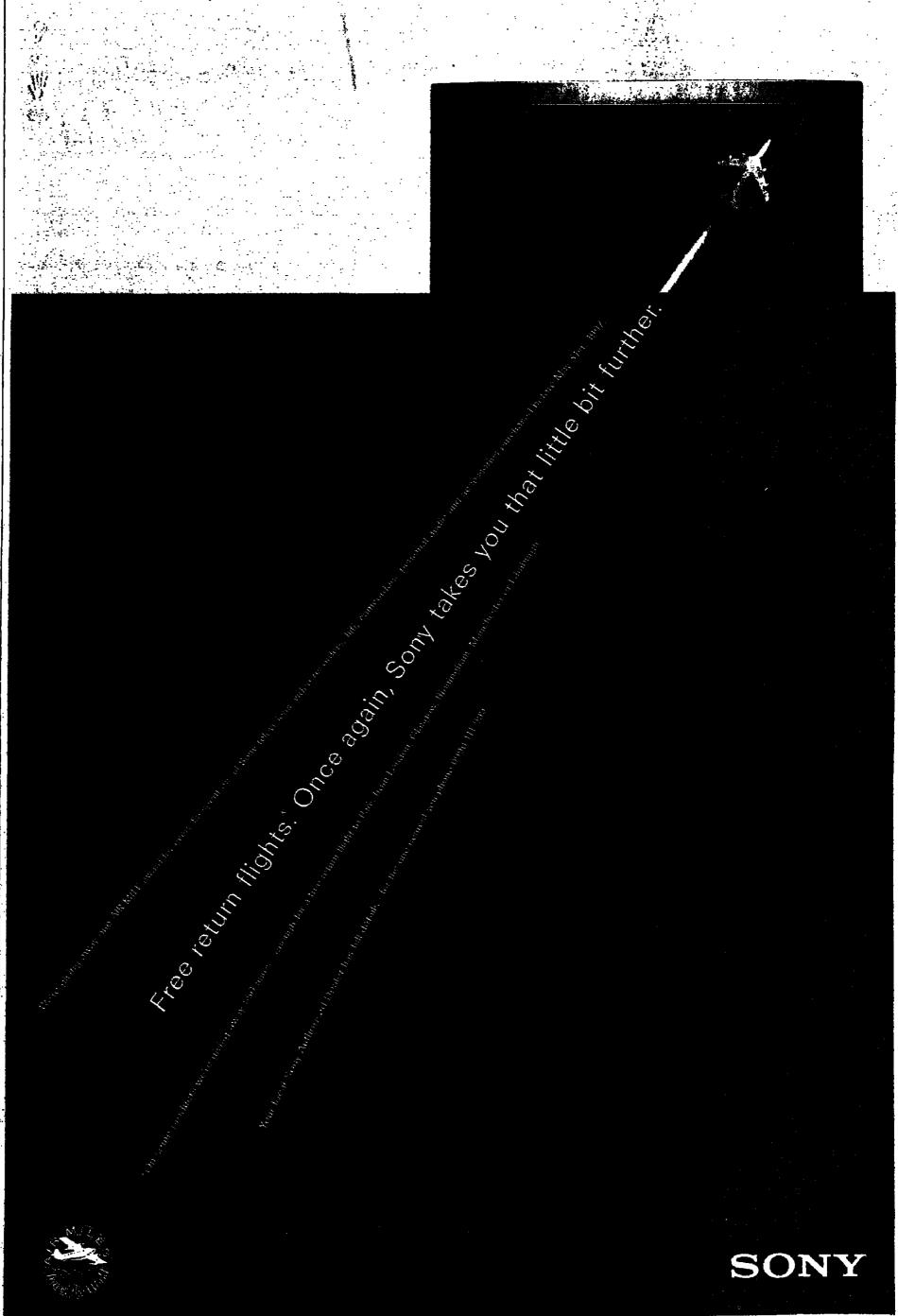
There are also suggestions that elements in the divided French diplomatic service may be encouraging Mr Mobutu to cling on, for reasons that have more to do with internal French party politics than external national interests.

Whatever misgivings the president's camp had about meeting Mr Kabila were brushed aside by Mr Richardson on Wednesday. Some diplomats speculate that Mr Mobutn may have been told his family's prospects of a comfortable life in exile would suffer if his procrastination led to an assault on

Kinshasa. While the stick-and-carrot details of the initiative remain conjectural, it is no secret the central thrust of the US-South African initiative was always to find a way for Mr Mobutu to

step down with dignity. The presence of President Nelson Mandela at the talks would not only serve as a guarantee that any deal struck would be honoured but also help to anaesthetise Mr Mobutu's ego while diplomatic surgery was carried out. He may be brutal and corrupt but if he retires now he will be wafted off into the political sunset in a haze of congratulations.

Few outside his inner circle doubt what the alternative is. One diplomat said the rebels are less than 250km to the east of the capital and other forces are reported to be waiting in Angola for the order to seize Zaire's main port at Matadi, closing the



Secret pacts smooth life for the in crowd

PARIS DAYS

It was one of the first warm days of spring. For only the second or third time this year, the cafe tables had colonised the entire pavement at the top of the Avenue Carnot, the most obscure of the 12 spokes of the Etoile, surrounding the Arc de Triomphe.

At one of the tables there sat a smartly dressed thirtysomething woman in a Paddington Bear hat. She was eating steak haché - raw mince meat and egg - with two male companions. Without warning, she uttered a piercing shriek and jumped to her feet. Fifty tables of French people stopped eating simultaneously (a significant achievement) and stared at madame. Had she found a cockroach in her lunch? Had one of her companions made an improper remark? Was a giant lizard

eating the Eiffel Tower? She stood pointing in silent. accusing horror at a tow-truck. which was removing an old and battered, black Citroën. It was her car, she foully informed her pavement audience. Her tone was self-pitying, confident of sympathy, as if she had suffered some natural disaster. Worse

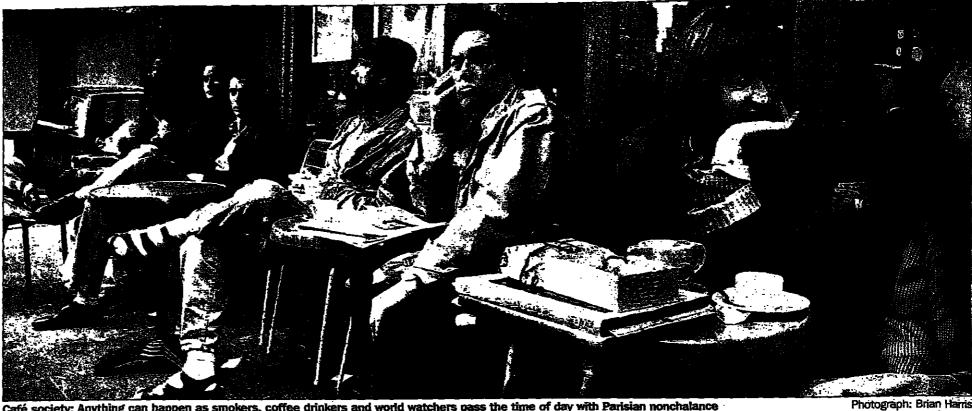
still, she protested, her dog was inside the car.

There was no laughter. The pavement audience was wholly on the side of madame. She scampered self-righteously after the tow truck, as rapidly as her high heels would allow. One of her companions followed. The audience watched, entranced, as they caught up with the truck two traffic lights

It was "pus juste", the pave ment audience concurred. It was probably "illegale". "They" had no right to tow a car with a dog inside it. "Le pauvre bese" would be thirsty, and so on.

No voice was raised to suggest that madame should perhaps not have parked her car, and dog, utterly illegally, and obstructively, on the Rue Tilsit. This useful thoroughfare forms part of what we call the "haby Etoile", a one-way street which rings the Etoile itself. and provides a refuge for those motorists who prefer not to enter the most terrifying automotive whirlpool in the world. In London terms, it was as if madame had parked in Piccadilly Circus.

She returned a few minutes



Café society: Anything can happen as smokers, coffee drinkers and world watchers pass the time of day with Parisian nonchalance

later, defeated but unahashed. "They" had brazenly refused to allow her even to recover her dog, she announced, scan-dalised. "They" had said they had a perfect right to take both tent from the pavement

she could recover both from the car pound in exchange for Fr1,200 (£130). More grumbling of sympathy and discon-

dog and car. "They" had said audience. Finally, Madame sat down and completed her, by

now rather expensive, hunch Mysterious scenes from Parisian life, number two: On

one ever calls it the Place Charles de Gaulle), is the second grandest of the 12 spokes. the Avenue Foch. It would be truer to say that the Avenue the other side of the Etoile (no Foch used to be grand. It now

home of the dubiously rich and foreign: in other words of Russians and Arabs and others living on newly laundered money (not everyone in the avenue, of course, but enough to tarnish its

reputation). The Avenue Foch, as a result, is also one of the places in Paris haunted by up-market, mo-

torised prostitutes. On our walk to school each morning, Charlie insists on making a slight detour along the Rue Rude (you cannot make these things up), which emerges on to the Avenue Foch just be-side the Irish Embassy. On precisely this corner, on some mornings, and almost all lunchtimes and afternoons, a brand-new electric-blue Ford Sierra can be found, parked illegally - with two wheels on the

In the driver's seat, to Charlie's puzzlement and intense curiosity, there is always the same "strange lady", wearing a shoulder-less, leopard-skin bodysuit. In the depths of the January and February cold, Charlie became concerned for the strange lady's warmth and

On the same day as the dogin-a-car incident, two typically brutal-looking female traffic wardens were striding pur-posefully along the Avenue woman had been using the old Foch towards the Rue Ruge. Faithful as ever, Madame Leopardskin's blue Sierra was parked

has the reputation of being the on the corner of the Rne Rnde. A lively confrontation seemed unavoidable.

When she saw the wardens coming, madame became agi-tated. She began to wave. The wardens waved enthusiastically back at her. The uniformed ladies on their best exchanged warm greetings with the uniformed lady on her beat. Then they walked on.

The obvious explanation is that the wardens were being paid off by Madame Leopardskin. This is not necessarily so. France operates on familiarity and routine. Strangers (and not just foreigners) have the rule-book thrown at them. For regulars (including foreigners), there is generally another rule book, kept under the counter, which is often called vsteme D".

The simple fact of being on the corner day after day, treat-ing the traffic wardens with politeness, might easily be enough to win Madame Leopardskin her immunity from parking tickets.

The woman with the dog in the car evidently felt that she deserved the same kind of immunity. Hence, her genuine outrage when her car appeared before her table at the end of a towing hook. On reflection, it

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Reporter jailed by China wins liberty award

The first Unesco World Press Freedom prize will today be the world. awarded to a Chinese woman iournalist still in prison,

Gao Yu. a freelance journalist, was detained in 1993 for "leaking state secrets" about Chinese political reforms in Mirror Monthly, a pro-Peking Hong Kong magazine. She has two years to serve. Her award will be collected by Timothy Baldwin, director-general of the World Association of News-

papers, at a ceremony in Bilbao. Today is World Press Freedom day, the anniversary of the drawn up by African journalists to demand a free, independent and pluralistic media through-

out the African continent and

The World Association of Newspapers is using today to draw attention to the importance of a free press as a baroneter of democracy, to the large number of journalists currently in prison and to the fact only one-third of the world's countries have a truly free media.

In the last 10 years more than 500 journalists have been killed on duty and 180 journalists are known to be in prison. 16 of them in China, including Gao

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One woman's dangerous and lonely battle to break the Cosa Nostra



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When Giovanni Brusca, the notorious Mafia killer known as 'The Pig", was arrested in Palermo in May last year, the mayor of his home town, San Giuseppe Jato, celebrated by displaying large photos of the as-sassinated anti-Mafia magistrates Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino outside the

But any hopes of an end to the long night of intimidation and violence in this most Mafiaridden of hill towns in the Palermo hinterland quickly evaporated. The photos of Falcone and Borsellino - for whose deaths Brusca bears considerable responsibility - were burned within 24 hours. And although Brusca's band has vanished from San Giuseppe Jato. the oppressive atmosphere of fear and stagnation is as palpable as ever.

The arrest was not the decisive moment we hoped for. We know who the mafiosi are. They are still operating around here. Brusca's capture may sim-

The new MAFIA

groups that were in opposition to him," said San Giuseppe's mayor, Maria Maniscalco.

a new, as yet anonymous generation of mafiosi is to be found on the walls of the cemetery. Here graffiti has sprung up in recent weeks insulting Brusca and other members of his gang, notably Balduccio Di Maggio, the man whose testimony led to the arrest of the former head of Cosa Nostra, Toto Riina. In the sophisticated semiotic code of the Sicilian underworld, the graffiti is both a challenge to the old criminal order and the assertion of a new one.

After years of spectacular violence under the Corleonesi clan, to which Brusca and his friends belonged, the new Mafia has resorted to more traditional operating methods - quietly imposing a stranglehold on civic life and undermining the institutions of the state.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of their new tactics is the manipulation of petty bureaucracy. Since the beginning of the year the Mafia has forced a number of bars and restaurants in San Giuseppe to close, begins. But it is clear that the

United States had failed.

announcing a deal.

thus depriving the town of what little social life it enjoyed along its two drab main streets. The Mafia's methods are inge-

Since the state has been so absent from San Ginseppe for 50 long, almost no shop or business has a full set of valid permits and licences. If the Mafia does not like a particular bar owner, all it has to do is make an anonymous denunciation to the police or the state health inspectors. These are obliged by law to follow up any tip-off they receive and they quickly discover that the ailegations are true.

date health and safety certificate is punishable by closure under Italian law, and it is up to the local mayor to issue the closure order. "We've already got a terrible economic crisis and now more places are shutting. Not only that, but I'm being made to look like the bad guy when in fact the closures are nothing to do with me," said Mayor

This is just one of many ways in which the town council is being discredited. This year Mayor Maniscalco has discovered that San Giuseppe's debt has jumped from the 300 million lire she had counted on in her budget calculations to nearly 10 times that figure. Why? One reason is a long-standing lawsuit between the council and two local property speculators over the fate of a former convent.

The nuns originally agreed to let the council take over the building to construct a crèche Perhaps the clearest sign of and elementary school. But be fore the paperwork went through the sisters were induced - no doubt through intimidation - into selling the property to the two speculators. The affair appeared to have been settled in the late 1980s albeit unsatisfactorily - when the council was ordered to pay a modest fine for unauthorised construction on someone else's property. But unbeknown to Mayor Maniscalco, who took office in 1993, the fine was never paid and the case was sent back to court.

> affairs, it is near-impossible to tell where the bureaucratic obfuscation ends and the deliberate Mafia-influenced malice

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Iranian ayatollah throws

down gauntlet to EU

An influential Iranian cleric used his sermon at

yesterday's prayers to attack Europe, deepening the dispute over terrorism charges. The time when the West

EU could not succeed in confronting Iran where the

could threaten small, weaker nations is over and cannot return, "Ayatollah Ahmad Januati said, adding that the

Balanced-budget deal in sight

President Bill Clinton and congressional leaders worked into the night polishing details of a pact to balance the budget while trimming taxes by about \$135bn (£84bn).

With a conclusive handshake seemingly near, the White

Police intercepted a booby-trapped beard-trimmer mailed to a jailed member of the Bandidos motorcycle

gang. The authorities had been tipped off and scanned the

House and Republican leaders made plans for

Biker's hairy experience

niously simple.

Failure to produce an up-to-

The Palermo tribunal which judged the case earlier this year could not understand why the council failed to send so much as a lawyer to the hearings - in fact it simply had not been informed - and imposed a punitive fine of nearly two bil-

In this, as in so many other

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tentacles of Cosa Nostra reach end of a low-intensity conflict comes the terrible isolation of of one of Maria Maniscalco's

far into the state hierarchy. Anyone genuinely interested in combating the Mafia, as the themselves on the receiving extension of Mafia power

waged by other organs of the state as well as criminal bosses - a conflict that threatens at any quietly courageous Mayor Man-iscalco indubitably is, finds a moment to explode into dev-astating violence, And with the

those who seek to fight it.

In the last few weeks, testimony from former members of Brusca's gang has revealed a plan, never carried out, to kid-

closest colleagues, council leader Gioacchino Lo Giudice. as well as a plan to murder Mrs

Maniscalco herself. Twice Mr Lo Giudicu asked nap and kill the 22-year-old son the the council to pass a vote of equally unheeded, and Mr Lo

solidarity in his favour, but the first time nobody turned up and the second time the proceedings were boycotted by the centreright opposition parties. A call for a public demonstration went

Giudice resigned. "He realised just how much he had risked, and saw no tangible support for his work," Mayor Maniscalco explained. "But I intend to carry on, no matter what it takes."

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radio and television. Born James Alexander Bliedung in Joplin, Missouri, in 1909, he studied commerce at the University of Pennsylvania, but was more attracted to the arts. studying painting, drawing and acting. He made his stage debut in 1930 as Mephistopheles in a university production of a musical, John Faust PhD, and the same year appeared in several professional productions, in Pennsylvania.

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His first Broadway assignment was as an understudy in That's Gratitude (1930), but his first major role was in a satire on radio, Wild Waves (1932). Beal later stated. "It was my first leading role on Broadway and I owe it all to Albert Hackett. The producers wanted him to play the part of the young man, but he wanted to quit acting and be a writer. He turned down the role but said he had seen an actor at the Provincetown Playhouse who could play the part." As a meek clerk who has a fine baritone voice but can only sing under the guise of another identity. Beal received excellent reviews, though the show ran only 25 performances.

Beal's next Broadway show, Another Language (1932) was an enormous hit. The first play by Rose Franken, it was a fine study of a middle-class family four sons and their wives dominated by a tyrannical matriarch. Just one of the wives (Dorothy Stickney in a role turned down by Helen Hayes), a sculptor who speaks "another language" and refects the close-mindedness of the rest of the family, rebels and she finds a kindred spirit in her 21-year-old nephew Jerry (Beal), whose desire to become an architect is frowned on by the rest of the family. Brooks Atkinson called the play "subtle, beautiful and tender" and

the cast was uniformly praised. When it was filmed by MGM the following year. Helen Hayes played Stella and Beal recreated his stage role. (Several years later he played the part again

to which Beal brought great sincerity and conviction, and the following year he starred op-posite Katharine Hepburn in The Little Minister, J.M. Barrie's tale of a gypsy wench who falls in love with the sober minister (Beal) of a Scottish village.

Beal appeared with Hepburn again in Break of Hearts (1934), though his role was secondary to Charles Boyer, and he had another solemn part as an earnest schoolmaster in love with a naïve country girl in M'Liss (1936). In the powerful drama We Who Are About To Die (1937), based on the true story of David Lamson, who spent 13 months in prison be-fore being reprieved days before his execution, he gave a con-vincing depiction of the condemned innocent.

His film vehicles, though, were becoming less important, and he divided his time between Hollywood and Broadway. He had another hit play with She Loves Me Not (1933), Howard Lindsay's comedy about a nightclub dancer who witnesses a gangland slaying and hides out in a boys' university dormitory. Atkinson described it as "enormously funny knockabout antic. acted to the last guffaw by a capital company". When filmed by Paramount, Bing Crosby had Beal's role.

In the film version of The Cat and the Canary (1939) starring Bob Hope, Beal was one of several shady characters, and he accepted a supporting role in Lewis Milestone's film tribute to Norwegian resistance fighers, Edge of Darkness (1943), because "I was delighted after having done a string of 'B' movies to be asked to be in an important 'A' again, but my part wasn't really that big. And I wasn't happy about playing a Quisling either, even though he somewhat redeems himself at the end with a spontaneous act of

bravery. During the filming Beal did a drawing of the character actor Roman Bohnen which now hangs in the Museum of the City of New York. The Second World War saw Beal directing and narrating training films for the Air Force, though he never directed features.

Later films included Disney's So Dear To My Heart (1949, as the narrator), Lewis Allen's Chicago Deadline (1949), the comedy-mystery Remains to be Seen (1953). The on radio, with Bette Davis as Vampire (1957), and That Night!



'The most significant actor in New York': Beal with Lydia Reed in the 1957 film The Vampire

(1959), a grim but gripping melodrama in which he starred as a businessman who has a heart attack.

In the theatre he frequently

became a replacement lead. taking over from Elliott Nugent in Voice of the Tittle (1943). William Eythe in Lend an Ear (1949) and John Forsythe in Teahouse of the August Moon (1953). In 1959 his off-Broadway performances in Our Town and Long Day's Journey into Night received great acclaim ~ in the latter, he was hailed by the critic Emery Lewis as "the most significant actor in New York'

In 1962 he starred with

Joseph Cotton and Patricia Medina in Calculated Risk, which opened on the eve of a newspaper strike. The play, lacking publicity, was about to close when Cotton was offered a job in a television commercial and asked for screen time instead of a fee. He spent his allocated time plugging the show and built it into a hit - one of the first demonstrations of television's use to Broadway as a

means of exploitation. John Beal was prolific on both radio and television, appearing in many live drama programmes of the Fifties, including the original production of Twelve Angry Men

(1954). Later shows in which he guest-starred include Kojak, The Waltons and The Streets of Sun Francisco, and he starred for many years in the daytime serial Another World. His last film was Sydney Pollack's The Firm (1993). In 1934 he married the actress Helen Craig (who created the starring stage role in Johnny Belinda) and they had two daughters.

Tom Vallance

James Alexander Bliedung, actor. born Joplin, Missouri 13 August 1909; married 1934 Helen Craig (deceased; two daughters); died Santa Cruz, California 26 April

The Rev Professor W. Moelwyn Merchant

chant was a good teacher would be like saving that Ian Botham knew how to hold a bat.

He delivered the first lecture experienced as an undergraduate. It was inspirational. A small, stocky man in dog-collar and cardigan, he looked rather ordinary. But, perched informally on the edge of a table, he held his audience spellbound for an hour. Speaking without notes, and seemingly without effort, he delivered a masterly analysis of Shakespeare's Richard II which combined erudition and fluency. critical brilliance and impish humour in a performance the like of which I had never encountered before and rarely would again, outside Merchant's own lecture room. To him it was just what university teachers did. To me, it was unforgettable.

After 20 years at Cardiff he was appointed to the chair of English at Exeter. There he transformed the English Department from a sleepy backwater into a powerhouse of scholarship and learning. He invited his friend Ted Hughes to lead weekly poetry seminars with the undergraduates. He was also a co-founder of the Northcott Theatre in Exeter, which has developed into one of Eng-

land's leading regional theatres.
As a preacher he was similarly compelling. Whether in the austere splendour of Salisbury Cathedral, where he spent four years as Chancellor, or preaching in his native Welsh in the charming little church at Llanddewi Brefi, Dyfed, where he became Vicar on retiring early from Exeter, he could electrify a congregation. His clear, conversational style made his intellectual rigour accessible to all. An expert broadcaster, he could be relied upon to complete a talk or a service exactly within the stipulated time: and again, to the consternation of his

producers, he rarely used notes. He could be awkward. He fought his corner in Senate with a tenacity and guile which made him enemies as well as friends. As is the way of great talkers, he could be opinionated, and dismissive of ideas he felt to be wrong; to some he could therefore seem overbearing. He enjoyed being provocative and never shunned controversy. But he could never be dull. On one occasion, when Mary Whitehouse was in the news, he used a major seras more dangerous pornography than anything on television. He then delighted in the resulting tabloid publicity despite the fact that he could barely name

a single pop title. Merchant's range of interests was amazing and he was dauntingly good at everything he undertook. Having achieved an international reputation as Shakespeare scholar and art critic, he became Chancellor of Salisbury. There he caused a stir in the Close by accepting from his friend Barbara Hepworth the gift of a large bronze Crucificion which he controversially had placed near the door of the cathedral. To him it was an important expression of faith by a major contemporary artist; to some conservative Salisbury residents, it was threatening and sacrilegious. Again, he

relished the debate. He took up sculpture himself in his sixties and demonstrated an instinctive sense of form which was the envy of many a trained artist. He had some 30 one-man exhibitions, dominated by his trademark challenging figures precariously balanced. In his sculpture, as in other aspects of his life, he delighted in living near the edge, in querying received wisdom, in elegantly probing the limits of orthodoxy.

As his physical strength began to wane, Merchant returned to creative writing and published no fewer than 11 volumes of prose and poetry over his final decade. Full of energy and endlessly creative, he was a constant source of ideas and insights, one of those enriching beings who make you see things in a different, clearer light. David Shaw

To live in proximity to my father, writes Paul Merchant, was to be caught up in the turbulence of



To say that W. Moelwyn Mer-mon to condemn all pop music his enthusiasms. As often as not, the involvement was practical: hand-setting and printing poetry on a small proofing-press that had once belonged to Arnold Bennett, or helping to steady blocks of Delabole slate as he began his sculptural experiments.

At other times, tracking his varied interests in art, music and literature would take one across a wide territory. His range is illustrated by those he interviewed in 1975 as a series for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Encore programme: Paul Scofield, Peter Pears, Olivia Manning, Peter O Toole, John Piper, Christopher Fry, Josef Herman, Tanya Moisei witsch and Barbara Hepworth He also worked creatively with Elisabeth Frink, Alun Hoddinott and Kyffin Williams.

His lecturing took him to many parts of the world: Germany, Russia, Spain, India and frequently to the United States. His visits to Spain and India both had a profound effect on him, and became the subjects later of memorable poetic se-quences in *Breaking the Code* (1975) and sections of his novel Triple Heritage (1994). In the US he delivered named lecture series at Yale, Sewanee and Chicago and, during his time as Fellow of the Folger Library, visited Ezra Pound a number of times at St Elizabeth's. He was pleased to be able to supply Pound with information on Elizabethan common law during the writing of the Coke Cantos.

His last years were enriched by a close involvement with Eton College, where he shared his enthusiasms in literature and was rewarded with the kind of close and intelligent response that always made him eager to return there. The College Library houses his manuscripts and correspondence.

William Moelwyn Merchant, writer, teacher, sculptor and priest: born Port Talbot, Glamorgan 5 June 1913; Lecturer in English Language and Literature. University College, Cardiff 1939-50, Senior Lecturer 1950-61, Reader 1961: ordained deacon 1940, priest 1941; Professor of English, Exeler University 1961-74; Canon of Salisbury Cathedral 1967-73 (Emeritus), Chancellor 1967-71; Vicar of Llandewi Brefi 1974-78; FRSL 1975: married 1938 Eluned (Lynne) Hughes (one son, one daughter); died Learnington Spo. Warwickshire 22 April 1997.

Sir Alan Rothnie

Alan Rothnic was one of the many who entered the Foreign Service in the years immediately after the Second World War and whose wartime record, in his case in the Royal Navy, was given full weight along with his notable academic achievements. Rightly so: mine-clearing on the Arctic Convoy run argued a certain resilience of character in tough situations. After a decade of widely

varying duties in the Foreign Office - Vienna, Bangkok and Madrid - he was posted to Kuwait and began an association with the Arab world which was from then on to constitute one half of his diplomatic expertise. The other was to be commercial work. At the end of his tour in Kuwait he was postof Arab Studies (Mecas) in of key importance he could ex-



Shemlan. He was told that after Shemian he would go to Baghdad as Commercial Counsellor and that in a service in which commercial work and ed to the Middle East Centre trade promotion were seen as pect, if he succeeded in Baghdad, to find himself firmly on the ladder of promotion. In 1961 in the middle of his

course at Mecas, the Iraqis, led by Abdul Karim Qasem, renewed their claim to Kuwait and manoeuvred threateningly on the Kuwait border. British troops were deployed and in the Ambassador's absence through ill-health Rothnie was hurriedly extracted from the classroom and sent back to Kuwait as Chargé d'Affaires. His successful handling of the crisis added to his reputation as a cool and skilful operator in difficul situations. Danger past, he returned to complete his Arabic course with credit, confirming his dogged imperturbability in pursuit of the goals he set

His time in Baghdad was

followed by a posting to Moscow, again as Commercial Counsellor, and in 1967 his achievements were recognised by his appointment as CMG. From Moscow he went on to Chicago as Consul-General another of the major commer-

cial postings in the service. After Chicago, Jedda: his first embassy, where in the years from 1972 to 1976 the meteoric rise in Saudi oil revenues posed new financial and commercial problems - and challenges - to United Kingdom diplomacy. Fortunately the disputes over Saudi frontiers with neighbouring Gulf states, which had occupied so much of the time of his predecessors, had been largely settled; and Rothnie was able to devote more of his energies to the promotion of trade and the cultivation of relations with the Oil Minister, Yamani, and the Finance Minister, Aba'l Khail. British exports to the kingdom, visible and invisible, doubled and redoubled year upon year; and relations with the City of London and the Bank of England flourished as the Saudis were persuaded of the usefulness to them of the

sterling investment market. Rothnie's grasp of financial and commercial issues, his ability to keep abreast of the rising tide of technology and his indefatigable promotion of trade and financial missions and contacts between the two countries played a decisive part in establishing the pattern of a relationship which has persisted, and expanded, over the ensuing quarter of a century.

British community in Saudi Arabia, like exports, doubled and redoubled as Saudi development took off under the stimulus of apparently unlimited revenues. Engineers. builders, construction workers, hospital staff, doctors, teachers, bankers, port workers, training missions to the Saudi armed forces, flocked to the kingdom

and, unlike the relatively few foreigners of previous decades. spread across the entire country, frequently astonishing and being astonished by the populace in remote communities where foreign faces had seldom or never been seen. Looking after the British community became a major task, to which Rothnie, most ably

Embassy life was not, of supported by his wife, Anne, never deserted him. course, wholly occupied with addressed himself with char-

matters of commerce. The acteristic thoroughness and determination. After Jedda, Berne - his sec-

ond and final Embassy. More finance and commerce; but also the crowning experience of a successful visit by the Queen in 1980, for his part in organising which he received a well-earned knighthood.

As Director of Mecas in the Sixties I helped teach Rothnie Arabic, I corresponded with him when I was Ambassador in Kuwait and he in Jedda during the oil-price crisis of 1973-74: and in 1976 I succeeded him as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. I never knew his quiet, unruffled' demeanour yield under pressure; and the dry sense of humour which we Sassenachs think of as typically Scottish

He was blessed with a happy

family life which triumphantly survived the strains and dislocations of the diplomatic career, and he retained, even in the turbulent Sixties and Seventies. a rare tolerance and understanding of the younger generation. John Wilton

Alan Keir Rothnie, diplomat: born Worksop, Nottinghamshire 2 May 1920, Chargé d'Affaires, HM Embassy, Kuwait 1961; Commercial Counsellor, HM Embassy, Baghdad 1963-64; Commercial Counsellor. HM Embassy, Moscow 1965-68; CMG 1967; Consul-General, Chicago 1969-72; Ambassador to Saudi Arabia 1972-76; Ambassudor to Switzerland 1976-80; KCVO 1980; chairman, Newsbrief Ltd 1985-90; married 1953 Anne Harris (two sons, one daughter); died 24 April 1997.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

REES: To Penelope (nee Ryba) and David, a daughter, Emily Zoë, on 17 March 1997.

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Changing of the Guard TODAY: The Household Cavaley Moun ed Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am: Nijmegen Company Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Scots Guards. TOMORROW: The Household Cavahy Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 10am; 1st Battalion the Royal Regiment of Wales mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11,38am, band pro-vided by the Grenadier Guards.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr James Brown, singer, composer and musician, 64: Miss Pat ian, former Editor, News of the Wind, 49: Miss Betty Comden, play-wright and screenwriter. 78: Mrs Kathy Cook, athlete, 37: Mr Henry Cooper, former heavyweight boxing champion, 65; Sir Graham Day, former chairman. Cadbury Schweppes and PowerGen, 64; Mr Ben Elton, comedian and writer, 38; Sir Russell Fairgrieve, former MP and chairman, Quality Guaranteed, 73; Sir William Glock, music lecturer and critic, 89; Lt-Gen Sir Michael Gray, defence industries adviser, 65; Sir William Gray, former Lord Provost of Glasgow. 69: Lt-Gen Sir Alexander Harley, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, 56: Dr David Harrison, Master, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 67; Professor Ruth Lister, social economist. 48; Mr Eddie Loyden, 74; Col Sir Michael McCorkell. Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, 72; Miss Sheila McRechnie, director, Consumers' Association, 49: Sir Christopher MacRae, High Commissioner to Pakistan, 60; Mr Randle Manwaring, poet and author, 85; Mr Peter Oosterhuis, golfer, 48; Professor Anne Robertson, Roman numismatist, 87; Baroness Seccombe, Vice-Chairman, Conservative Party, 67; Mr Pete Seeger, folk singer, 78; Dr Norbert Singer, former Vice-Chancellor. University of Greenwich, 66: Mr Norman Thelwell, illustrator and cartoonist, 74; Miss Sandi Toksvig. comedienne, 39; Mr

Allan Wells, athlete, 45, TOMORROW: Mr Frith Banbury, theatrical director, 85: The Rev Professor Charles Barrett, theologian, 80; Mr Michael Barrymore, entertainer, The Right Rev David Farm-brough, former Bishop of Bedford, 68; Sir Stephen Hastings, former MP. 76; Mr Robert Hendrie, ambassador to Uruguay, 59; Mr Brian Innes, jazz musician, 68: Sir Charles Irving, for-

mer MP, 74: Mrs Jane Kennedy, 39; The Hon Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, former MP, 54; Mr Martyn Moxon, cricketer, 37; Mr Muhammad Hosni Mubarak, president of Egypt. 69; Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman of Times Newspapers, 85; Miss Liz Robertson, actress and singer, 43; Professor Marisa Robles, harpist, 60: Mr Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, conductor, o6; Mr Edwin Russell, sculptor, 58; Mr Alexander Schouvaloff, former curator. Theatre Museum, ti3; Professor Robin Sibson, Vice-Chancellor, Kent University, 53; Sir Norman Siddall, mining engineer, 79; Lord Stoddart of Swindon, for-mer MP and government minister, 71; Mr Eric Šykes, comedian and writer. 74; Miss Gillian Tindall, biographer, novelist and historian, 59; Mr John Watson, racing driver, 51; Professor Basil Yamey, economist, 78.

Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Niccolo di Bernardo dei Machiavelli, author and statesman, 146; Mrs Golda Meir (Goldie Meyerson, née Mabovitch), Israeli prime minister, 1898. Deaths: Henry Garnet, Jesuit priest, hanged for complicity in the Gunpowder Plot, 1606; Thomas Hood, poet, 1845; Adolphe Adam. composer, 1856; Herbert Farjeon, critic and playwright, 1945. On this day: Jamaica was discovered by Columbus, 1494: the British defeated the French at the first Battle of Cape Finisterre, 1747; the first daily evening newspaper was issued in London, the Star and Evening Advertiser 1788; New Zealand was proclaimed a British colony, 1841; the first London production of the musical show Show Boat was staged, 1928; the Festival of Britain opened, 1951. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Alexander, Eventius and Theodulus, St James the Less, St Juvenal of Narai, St Philip the Apostle, St Philip of Zell and

Saints Timothy and Maura.

TOMORROW: Births: Joseph Whitaker, publisher of Whitaker's Almanack. 1820; Thomas Henry Huxley, biologist and natural historian, 1825; John Hanning Speke, discoverer of the source of the Nile, 1827; Alice Liddell, the original of Al-ice in Wonderland, 1852: Estelle Sylvia Pankhurst, artist and feminist, 1882: Israel Moses Sieff, Baron Sieff, president of Marks and Spencer. 1889; Sir Archibald Hector McIndoe, plastic surgeon, 1900; Audrey Hepburn (Edda van Heemstra Hep-burn-Rusion) actress, 1929. Deaths: Sir Francis Osbert Sacheverell Stwell Bt. author, 1969; Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, 1980; Diana Dors (Fluck), actress, 1984. On this day: the first Derby was run at Epsom, 1780; the Cunard shipping line was founded, 1839; Natal was proclaimed a British colony. 1843; the Daily Mail was first published, 1896; work on excavating the Panama Canal began, 1904; the General Strike began, 1926; "Waltzing Matilda" became the national anthem of Australia, 1976; Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first woman Prime Minister, 1979. Today is the Feast Day of St Augustine Webster, St Cyria-cus or Judas Quiriacus, St Florian of Lorch, St Gothard or Godebard, St John Houghton, St Pelagia of Tarsus, St Robert Lawrence, St Richard Reynolds and St Venerius of Milan.

Lectures

TODAY National Gallery: Rachel Barnes, Family and Friends (i): Tiuan, The Vendramin Family*, 12pm. Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. "Who Painted That? Stylistic Sur-

prises", 1pm. British Museum: George Hart, "The Reign of Queen Hatshepsur", 1,15pm.

Tate Gallery: Sarah O'Brien Twohig.

Noah and Dick and the right to lie Is there a right to lie? No. it's not a mis-

print, nor an election joke. The judge has gone off to consider his verdict in the trial of the Creationists in Sydney, Australia, accused under consumer protection legislation of promoting a false belief. In law, the trial is limited to the question of whether one may legitimately describe a curious rock formation on Mount Ararat as the remains of Noah's Ark. In practice. and in the public eye, there is a question of whether it should be legal to teach ridiculous untruths, like "Creation Science".

The overlap arises because allegedly scientific claims about Noah's Ark were made in the course of a fund-raising lecture which was meant to lead to an expedition to the scene. This meant the authors could be accused of peddling false science. The essential term there is neither "false", nor "science". but "peddling": if money had not been involved, the case could not have been brought.

Simply making false statements on religious or philosophical grounds should not be a criminal offence in a civilised society, though the experiment has been often tried. In Britain, until the middle of the last century, denying the resurrection was likely to land you in jail, if you escaped the verdict of the mob; today, affirming the resurrection can have similar effects

in many Muslim countries, and in China. Making false scientific claims for money is different. Most countries have laws against the exploitation of credulity. You cannot sell a paste of ground-up anchovies and horse manure if you claim it is scientifically proven to promote hair growth and increase sex appeal. But you may sell it as an Uighur folk remedy for baldness

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In a free society do oddballs have the right to preach unscientific nonsense? Andrew Brown considers the lawsuit which has placed Creationism in the dock.

and flagging circulation if you wish. The assumption built in to such laws is that only scientific knowledge is reliable: people who rely on Uighur folk remedies, astrologers, or racing tipsters do so at their own risk.

Such challenges usually arise on medical grounds. As far as I know, the Sydney case is unique in being argued on archaeological grounds. These, though, are a mere casus belli. Everyone involved knows that the real objection to Creationists is not that they make false scientific claims but that they make false historical claims. It is not that what they say could not have happened: the sceptic can no more prove that sacred history did not happen than the believer can prove that it did. But in point of fact there was no flood. There was no Ark. The world

is billions and not thousands of years old. It is important to remember that the grounds for believing this are philosophical and theological, not strictly scientific or historical. An omnipotent God could perfectly well have created a world

hadn't; in fact there would be a certain artistic elegance in the feat. Science fiction can show such a world very convinc-ingly: the novels of Philip K. Dick almost all take place in a world ruled by a paranoid deity, where nothing is as it seems to be, and it is perfectly reasonable to assume that things are as they are in an at-tempt to deceive us. (Dick seems really to have experienced the world like that, and created art from his experience.) Almost everyone sane rejects such a God: but this rejection is a theological or philosophical judgement. It is a precondition of science, and not a consequence.

This raises some unpleasant issues. My own instincts on this are strictly illiberal. Common sense says that error has no rights, just as it says that Australians must fall off. But common sense, as Bertrand Russell remarked, is the metaphysics of savages. This epigram was quoted in a recent letter to the paper against Creationism, but it cuts both ways. It is a horrible wrench to admit that other adults have a right to be mistaken, and a right to transmit their foolish and erroneous views to their children. But the

alternatives are even worse. If the judge in Sydney decides against the Creationism he will be in effect be making a judgement about the philo-sophical underpinnings of science. It is a clearly correct decision - but it is extremely strange to find it made in a commercial court under a law more normally applicable to dodgy time share schemes, and it probably should not be made there. The right to lie turns out to be a fundamental building block of society.

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The scene on the terrace outside the Royal Festival Hall, London, at 5am yesterday morning as Tony Blair and his wife Cherie Booth greet party supporters Photograph: Brian Harris

It was the longest election campaign this century. But the crusade to make the ed long before that - when four men met to talk late into the night in a private room in the House of Commons. The four were Tony Blair, then the par-

ty's spokesman for home affairs; Gordon Brown, the man who was later to step down from competing with Blair for the succession after the sudden death of John Smith; Peter Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool who had been Labour's director of communications during the first of Neil Kin-nock's two unsuccessful assaults on Downing Street in 1987; and Alastair Campbell, then political editor of the Daily Mirror and now Blair's press secretary. It was not one meeting, but a regular gathering. Yet the question was always the same: how to professionalise the party. With the election of Blair as leader it took on a new urgency and a new purpose.

It was no secret. An insistence that a transmutation of the party's inner core was under way was Mandelson's recurring theme during dinners with newspaper ed-itors and political correspondents long be-fore the concepts of Old and New Labour had been put into words. It was the first stage in the skilful wooing of the media which broke the almost universal bias against Labour which had been such a persistent handicap in previous elections.

The baseline was Michael Foot's shambles of a campaign in 1983 when Margaret Thatcher was returned with an increased majority of 144 - one seat less than Labour had gained in the landslide which followed the Second World War. Behind Thatcher's victory was a Tory election machine which had moved into a different gear, advisers like Maurice Saatchi, Tim Bell and Gordon Reece brought the tools of modern advertising, marketing and PR to bear on politics. Mandelson knew that if Labour were again to become electable the party had not just to compete but to leapfrog that into a new level of sophisti-

cation in these black arts. In the months which followed he began to develop that, even as Blair was instilling a new discipline into the diffuse party he had inherited.

When the campaign began the Conservatives resorted to the techniques which had served them well in the past. Their campaign, conceived by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, Michael Heseltine, the deputy leader, and Danny Finkelstein, head of Tory party research, was built around the personal appeal of John Major. "Honest John against Phoney Tony". But it lacked focus - they never resolved the issue of whether they were attacking Old Labour or New Tories. It also lacked a strategic

momentum. By contrast Labour had both. The party's campaign strategists owed much to the success of Bill Clinton's successful campaigns in the United States with its remodelling of his party into New Democrats. Clinton - still smarting from the support which the Conservatives had given to his rival George Bush in opening British secret service files on Clinton's student days at Oxford - opened his election strategy to Blair's aides. The hierarchical structure of the Labour election machine was jettiof the Labout creation a dozen task forces were gathered not just from the directo-

Blair's long trek to victory

on key seats, party, media, trade unions, attack and rebuttal, presentation, regions, leader's office, message delivery, logistics and so on. It was a meritocracy with junior staff sometimes heading task forces including their own bosses.

As a result Labour has been following a detailed week-on-week electioneering strategy for almost a year - from last summer, leading up to the party conferences, the budget and the re-opening of Parlia-ment after the Christmas break. It also learned from Clinton's people the techniques of how to stay on that strategy and deflect Tory attempts to derail it.

Throughout the campaign a central control room at the party's Millbank headquarters provided a rapid rebuttal unit which responded instantly to any new Conservative claim. Its liaison with the media was slick, feeding out approved messages and effectively emasculating attempts to undercut the official version of events. Its use of pagers, the Internet and faxes helped keep its candidates consistently "on message". Its advertising was focused and effective; at one point, private polling showed that Labour's "Britain Deserves

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Better" campaign was agreed with by 84 per cent of those questioned, compared with just 7 per cent who agreed with the Tories' "Britain is Booming". And the sim-plicity of Tony Blair's message – boring to the reporters who trailed in his wake but appealing to the voters - helped keep up the appearance of a united party.

"Fallback strategy and contingency planning were so good," said one Labour insider, "that when the wheels came off - and believe me those on the inside know that they did - outsiders didn't even notice."

The thinking behind the new-style campaigning was to concentrate resources. To gain a working overall majority, Labour needed to win 90 seats, which required a 6 per cent swing. The effort to win these seats began two years ago with a massive canvassing effort. The target was for 80 per cent of voters to be contacted by the end of 1996. The main weapon was the telephone bank, of which there are 20 located around the country. Telephone numbers

Independent writers reveal the inside story of how the New Labour campaign became unassailable.

By Paul Vallely, Christian Wolmar, Colin Brown, Steve **Boggan and Barrie Clement**

ry, but from petitions, and teams of volunteers began contacting voters by telephone and on the doorstep.

The aim was to find around 5,000 in each seat who would be enough to swing the election. Each was categorised into: against, undecided, solid Labour, second choice Labour, Labour but don't vote regularly, and switchers. Everyone in the three latter categories was then targeted with personal letters from Tony Blair tailored to their category. Every month, the information from each constituency was sent in to the Millbank databank. And the efforts to switch the switchers were kept up right to the end, with spare Millbank staff telephoning them during the last few days.

In January, the strategy moved on to GOTV - Get Out The Vote. More letters were sent out to each type of target voter and young people were sent a "hip" video of Tony Blair showing them how to vote. Candidates were required to contact personally at least 1,000 switchers. Canvassers were asked to send back issues of concern raised by the voters, which, together with information from the focus groups run by Philip Gould, the party's advertising guru.

were used to inform future campaigns. Labour, then, were on plan from 17 March, the day that John Major announced the general election date instituting the longest election campaign anyone could remember. True, though the Labour strategists had always expected a 1 May election they did not predict a sixweek campaign. Their War Book - leaked towards the end of the campaign by rattied Tories who had got hold of a copy six months earlier - showed the meticulously planned schedule for the campaign only covered four weeks. But Labour had the back-up to bastily add to it.

Supported by the Liberal Democrats, the Labour leadership began by putting pressure on the Government to publish the Downey report on cash-for-questions before Parliament prorogued. They succeeded in making sleaze the first issue of the campaign.

The Tories were on the back foot from the outset and were unable to recover. Labour was able to exploit a succession of events involving prominent Conservatives to keep the issue before the public in those first days: Allan Stewart, the former Scottish office minister, stood down after newspaper reports of an improper association with a married mother of four he met in an alcohol addiction clinic; the backbencher Piers Merchant was accused by another newspaper of having had an affair with a 17-year-old nightclub hostess; and the party's Scottish chairman Sir Michael Hirst quit over reports which claimed he

once had a gay lover.

But the damaging sleaze was financial. Fim Smith, the former Northern Ireland Minister, who admitted receiving cash from Mohamed Al Fayed, quit as candidate for Beaconsfield. By contrast Neil Hamilton. the Tory at the heart of the cash-for-questions storm, continued to protest his innocence and refused to stand down prompting Martin Bell, the BBC war reporter, to stand against him as an anti-corruntion candidate. The voters delivered a

crushing defeat on Hamilton. Amid all this the Conservatives were unable to gain any momentum. When Labour wobbled badly on the unions, when Blair made his embarrassing "parish council" slip over the issue of Scottish devolution, and when Gordon Brown did his U-turn on privatising air traffic control to cover an Government was unable to sustain the

It was the only time in the campaign that Labour became unnerved. Momentarily one section of the party - Gordon Brown's office - was briefing against the accepted line. But the Tories could not press their advantage. Indeed sleaze went on so long that Labour began to be nervous about it, and were anxious to move the agenda on.

Tory strategists at Smith Square hoped to find solace in the gaffes they were con-vinced Labour would make during the long campaign. But Labour were prepared for that. Blair was tense at the start of the campaign, an aide later admitted, because he knew all eyes would be on him; the Tories would attack him, Labour would present him as its greatest asset. "When you realise that the entire election is about you, you would have to be inhuman not to feel tense." the aide said. "It would mean a lot of changes for him and Cherie and the chil-

dren, and he wants to protect the children.

Despite all that Blain's guard slipped hardly at all. Nor did his deputy's. Labour were aware that Smith Square had put a gaffe unit on John Prescott, following him round to highlight any mistakes, "but they gave up and went home after two or three weeks", said one Labour insider, "because he was so good".

← Tight control characterised Tony Blair's relentless tour of the country \mathfrak{I}

Tight control was the secret. It characterised Tony Blair's relentless tour of the country in which he visited 74 places in 60 constituencies during 34 days of campaigning, covering 9,168 miles by road, rail and air (the later in a chartered BAC 1-11 which became known as Blairforce One, and, at times, fleets of up to 11 helicopters for the Labour leader and his media entourage). In Northampton market square, where he began, he emerged from the darkwindowed bus to his People's Platform and shouted: "Hello Northampton! The sun's out... and in a few weeks, with your help, the Tories'll be out too!". It was a performance the reporters imprisoned in his entourage were to witness on dozens of occasions in dozens of locations - local reference - joke - soundbite - and away. But Blair's minders ensured that the journalapparent hole in Labour's tax plans, the ists had virtually no access to the Labour

leader; he spoke to the press on only three aboard Blairforce One, but he never seemed comfortable.

Labour's strategists preferred the press to concentrate on the photo-opportunities. The Tories followed suit, to the extent that the launch of the manifestos of the three main parties was overshadowed by shenanigans with activists dressed up as chickens
- headless and otherwise (following the Tory accusation in week two that Blair was "chicken" after Labour pulled the plug on talks over a possible television debate between the two party leaders).

Meanwhile John Major was working hard too. He travelled 10,000 miles across Britain (including seven set-piece rallies in the Albert Hall, Plymouth, the JCB plant in Staffordshire, York, Manchester, Ab-erdeen and London Arena), dropping in to see the postponed Grand National at Aintree after a mad day criss-crossing England in helicopters, and visits to countless marginal seats. His tour seemed to prove that everywhere he went that he was more popular than his party. There were gaffes - the visit to the racing car with no wheels, and stepping into a shop called Slees - but throughout, he never flagged in his smiling, polite campaign to persuade the voters not to turn their backs on 18 years of Tory rule, in spite of the polls. Each day, the Major battlebus was sent out with the message "Britain is Booming - Don't Let Labour Blow It . It was the only clear slogan of the Tory campaign.

While Major was out on the hustings, Tory Central Office was the scene of squabbles between Maurice Saatchi and the party chairman Brian Mawhinney over the advertising campaign. Lord Saatchi wanted to attack Blair directly, depicting a grin with the question "What lies behind the smile?", but Major would not sanction it. Other advertisements were unconvincing: a lion symbol attacking Labour over Europe was quickly dropped; the "Tony and Bill" campaign - an attempt by Mawhinney to focus on the cost of Labour pledges - looked like a Labour poster, and was

By contrast things were going according to the meticulous plan at Millbank, With Blair out on the road, the Labour campaign was being run by Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson. Each day there were three meetings - at 7am, 11am and 3 30pm.

Mandelson, Alastair Campbell and Blair's chief of staff Jonathan Powell. Also there were David Hill, the chief media spokesman and Adrian McMenamin, the head of attack and rebuttal. No longer were shadow cabinet members to be allowed to spin their own yarns away from the web of Millbank Tower. Internet, faxes and pagers kept politicians in the field in touch with the ops room with its massive computer system, Excalibur, which can instantly turn up the most obscure infor-mation imaginable on rivals. Briefings were sent nightly, sometimes twice a day, ensuring that everybody was "on message" The messages were simple - small promises, on class sizes, jobs, the health service

and crime, dressed up as big ideas. It was from Milibank that the decision

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The sea wall is collapsing all around us tonight'

Peter Popham followed the minute-by-minute disintegration of the Tory party with the audience at Central Office. As the vote collapsed remorselessly through the night, it was a grim occasion indeed

With hindsight, it was all over before it started. The huge, brutally functional media room in Tory headquarters at Smith Square had been stripped for action, all the scating torn out, the lights and cameras of half a dozen mini television studios in place. Journalists milled about from sausages to wine to mineral water, and from television screen to television screen, in thrall to the Dimblebys like the rest of the country.

Then soon after 11, with only two results in, Hezza was among us, face drawn, virile eyebrows sugging tragically; full as ever of advertisements for his own unwavering loyalty, and initially tiptoeing round the dreadful reality beginning to happen. "I am possibly disappointed with the early indications". But then, on his third television interview, he decided to confront it head on. "We have to regroup, and regrouping is simply what vou do when you find yourself on the wrong end of an election defeat...

Parenthetically, he added: "if that's what it is." But the cat was out of the bag, the D-word was on

But there is still a difference between the awful apprehension of imminent disaster, and the experience of that disaster occurring minute by minute, result

by result. It's a difference measured in psychic pain. As journalists posted in party headquarters, we found ourselves in a rainer r tion. For anyone remotely sympathetic to political change, exhilaration mounted giddily through the small hours. And meanwhile we became onlookers to a wake, witnesses to a kill. Thirty-six Smith Square became a hospital: at 1.30 someone burst in and blurted "the word from upstairs is that Portillo's in serious trouble", and it sounded like the life blood was draining away. Then it changed from a hospital to a morgue, and from a morgue to a monument.

It became the monument to an age swept away with the sort of remorseless vigour - remember the fall of the Berlin Wall - that seems to be the special feature of great po-litical events at the end of the 20th

In parallel, the Tories themselves were transformed overnight. At 11pm, Hezza knew what was happening, but for us and the world beyond he was still a big beast of the jungle, a towering figure in the "natural party of government": the party which, under Thatcher, had apparently transcended its class lim-

itations. As the hours ticked by and the losses poured in, all that was blown away. At 1.10, Jeremy Paxman said to Cecil Parkinson, "This is about as bad as it can get, isn't it?" and Parkinson gamely replied: "I'm glad we've won a seat!" The party shriv-elled before our eyes like a

The "naturalness" of the Tories' hegemony was exposed as a fairy tale. And the distinctive fact about the Tories, which, for those of us who tramped around in Major's wake during the campaign became impossible to ignore, the fact that it is, at bottom, a peculiar and distinctive caste in British society, became more and more stark.

We saw them for what they are: the chinless wonders, the very nice pinstripe suits, the year-round tans; their hereditary assumption of privilege, their camp obsession with gentility - manifested as much in the painful pedantries of John Major's

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> speaking style as in the party volunteers picking their way daintily across Smith Square last night as a handful of hecklers roared at them. "Win one did yer? Goodbyee!

The incredible night took its shocking course. Gordon Brown was interviewed and cracked the most extraordinary smile - an exression no-one, except perhaps his mother, had ever imagined him capable of. Peter Mandelson pulled the same trick, straight out of some previously unsuspected locker known as his heart, and looked practically human. Only Tony Blair himself, Mr toothpaste smile, contrived to look as beamingly plastic

At 12.21 the Edgbaston result was declared, described as "the Basildon of the '97 election": Labour took it for the first time in history with a 10 per cent swing, and the adrenaline began to pound. After Edgbaston, at 12.48, came the real Basildon. Silence fell. Basildon had registered a 15 per cent swing to Labour. The vastness of what we were in the thick of began to sink in. "Christ!" said someone. Peter Snow's seat-indi-cating boards clattered over, row after row, changing from blue to red. "It's like being in the middle of a

said. The only consolation for the top Tories trapped in our midst was a little grim humour. "Are you going to stay on as Welsh secretary? some airhead radio interviewer demanded of William Hague. "I don't think I'll be able to stay on as Welsh secretary if there is a change of government," he replied with the most spectral of smiles.

As the main story surged on, Labour gain after Labour gain flashing up, this election's irresistible sideshows played themselves out. At 1.18 at Wandsworth Town Hall, David Mellor conceded Putney, and was rewarded for the good grace with which he accepted it by a shocking display of bad manners from James Goldsmith, who heckled and slow-handclapped from the

"Putney said 'Up your hacienda, Jimmy." Mellor commented shortly afterwards. The preposterousness of the idea that we might have vested our patriotic emotion in a figure such as Gold-

smith was violently borne Mellor himself sumagery of the night to describe what was happening when he said. "A

tidal wave has burst over the Conservative Party tonight, and it's not a matter of putting your finger in the dike. The sea wall is collapsing all around us."

The other result which punctuated the might with s at 2.45 from Tatton, when Martin Bell's staggering 11,000 majority was announced. It was greeted by Bell with his trademark stoicism, but also with a new-found assurance. "We are the people of England, and we have not spoken yet," he said. quoting Chesterton, but pointing out that this was no longer true. The peo-

ple of England had spoken. For Tories, the cruellest hours of the night were between 12.30 and 3, as amazing Home Counties losses to both Labour and the Liberal Democrats ("Gillingham!" exclaimed the Daily Express reporter unbe-lievingly) thudded home one after another, and as one giant of the age after another toppled into the dust.

At 2.59 it was announced that Mrs Thatcher's old constituency of Finchley had gone to Labour with a 15 per cent swing, and in some of the Tories present, something

A prominent year-round-tan pinstriped functionary said suddenly: "It's time for a change, you know. It's time for a change." At 3am lit-

tle Stephen Twigg bounced Michael Portillo out, and it was all getting beyond a joke. The news, a moment or two later, that the Conservatives had held on to Bognor Regis and Littlehampton was a timely reassurance that the world would not be entirely unrecognisable in the morning. So it went on, and the natural par-

muscles in his cheek twitching from time to time, and looking as if he had been through a mincer, gave a text-book demonstration of suff upper lip. Yes, he confirmed. "It has been the worst night in my extremely short and undistinguished career in politics ... the party is in a state of fairty of government shrivelled away, the

ly severe catatonic shock." [Note and giant shrank before our eyes, the comfortable, self-serving caste stood what to do in his own time." exposed in all its shame and pain and Five am; outside in the square it embarrassment. Tories were, howwas first light, and as a small but vo-

"There was absolutely no way they were going to hold it together over Europe for six weeks," a senior Labour source said. "They should have been on the economy the whole time but they

the economy the whole time but they couldn't because they were worried about Ken Clarke [and his support for

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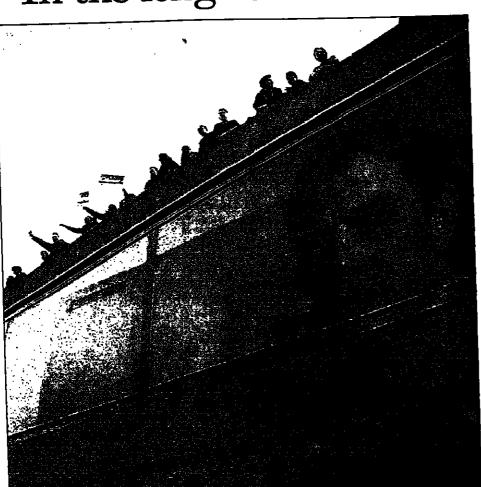
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at some speed, the Prime Minister's Jaguar swept into the forecourt and Norma and John got out and smiled their Tory smiles, and disappeared into the building. The end was nigh.

Norma Major at the Conservatives' Huntingdon election headquarters yesterday morning after her husband had publically thanked her for her support Photograph: Tom Pilston



ever, bred for occasions like this, and stock market crash," someone 'In the long term he was afraid that he would be put down as a loser'



Celebrating victory: John Prescott's battle bus is greeted at dawn by jubilant supporters outside the Royal Festival Hall, in London, yesterday

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came - after Blair was accused of being dull - to raise the stakes. Next morning Campbell gathered the media in a conference suite in Stevenage to tell them about a change in tactics. The press had, he said, been too boring in its coverage of the campaign, so from the next day Tony was going to be passionate. It was planned, he announced without conscious irony, that henceforth he would break out into spontaneity.

It was more spontaneous even than planned. Blair's microphone broke and he was forced to shout, to pace the stage and to use all his energy to get his message across. The reaction was extremely positive and resulted in his personal

ratings going up overnight in Scotland. What Labour could never have planned for was the Conservatives' determination to snooker themselves on the question of Europe. At the beginning of week five the Home Office minister David Maclean became the most senior government figure to join the ranks of ministers junior ministers and well over 100 other candidates speaking out against a single currency. The continual sniping from his own candidates was damaging to John Major's authority throughout the campaign and eventually forced him into addressing the subject head on. It was a mistake. Labour strategists said privately "because it brought out John Major's weak leadership". Their internal divisions on Europe also meant that the Torics were forced to keep their best hitter -Kenneth Clarke - away from the centre of the political stage.

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Tories, the received political wisdom is that the election was probably lost on Black Wednesday, when John Major's economic policy was blown apart by the speculators against sterling in the Exchange Rate Mechanism, and with it, the Tories' claims to economic competence over Labour. But the imposition of VAT on fuel also destroyed their claims to be the party of low taxation in the minds of the voters. As a result, the Tory campaign team were left searching for a tax

bombshell that it could no longer drop. In any case Paddy Ashdown's forthright approach to increased taxes drew the sting of the Tory attempt to create a tax scare. Throughout a campaign in which he covered 17,300 miles by coach, turbo-prop aeroplane, taking in 64 con-

conducted a campaign which gave the lie to the old "woolly Liberal" image. First, it was targeted ruthlessly on winnable seats and constituencies where the party hoped to build up a strong presence based on their incumbency at local authority level. But strikingly Ashdown kept hammering home his key theme that the electorate would have to pay more tax if they wanted to see an improvement in education and health; his insistence that "you can't get something for nothing seemed to strike a

Consistently Tory strategy seemed to backfire. Their poster depicting Tony Blair as a tiny ventriloquist's dummy sitting on the knee of Helmut Kohl was brushed aside by

Labour as a sign of "panic and desperation". And Lord Saatchi grew increasingly frustrated as the Prime Minister insisted that three planned party election broadcasts be dropped so that he could attack the spectre of Labour embracing European federalism.

It was the same with the row over pensions. When Tony Blair claimed the Tories planned to abolish the state pension, John Major fumed that it was untrue, said Labour had got into the gutter and came close to calling Blair a liar
but all he did was invite the judgement from many that it was the Tories who could not be believed. Whatever, like Brian Mawhinney's precipitous embrace of the diversion of whether the journalist Will Self had taken heroin on

Major's campaign jet, it all only succeeded in preventing the Tories from regaining the momentum. They never returned to the effective attack on tax which in the final week, Central Office had briefed journalists to expect. The sense that the Tories were falling apart was dramatically underscored by Edwina Currie predicting a Labour landslide in a newspaper article and announcing it would be a "miracle" if she could hold her own Derbyshire South seat - as, in the event, she did not.

Towards the end of the gruelling six weeks John Major was sitting in the VIP section of the Prime Minister's campaign jet, flying back late at night from one of his election rallies. In the darkness he turned towards a Tory aide and asked her: "If the worst happens, and we are defeated, what will they say about the campaign in the long term?"

"They will say you fought the best campaign. They won't blame you." "Look me in the eyes and say that." he said.

In the short term, he knew he would get the blame - for not fighting on a Euro-sceptic ticket, for fighting on a One-Nation ticket, for refusing to allow Michael Howard to make immigration an election issue, for keeping open the option on a single currency. He could

live with that But in the long term, he was worried he would go down in history as the loser. not the man who against the odds had held the party together for so long. In the end, however, the seismic fault lines within the Conservative Party proved too deep and wide for one man to hold together.

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The challenges

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Interest rates set to rise ahead of July Budget

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

Reduce unemployment, reverse inequality, reshape the welfare state, raise long-term growth these are the new Government's economic ambitions.

Gordon Brown's most pressing decision will be less lofty, however. Unless there is a postponement, he is due to meet Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, on Wednesday to decide whether

to put up interest rates.
Mr George will recommend a small increase. Not only does he still think the economy needs cooling, but the Bank could searcely reverse its advice after clashing with Kenneth Clarke for the past six months. If the Chancal and the could be considered to the past six months. If the Chancal and the could be considered to the past six months. cellor does not want to alarm the financial markets straight away. he will beed the advice.

After that, the meetings will change form. In a bid to avoid raising the curtain on a "Gordon and Eddie show", Mr Brown has said he will appoint a monetary policy committee at the Bank of England to take the personality out of the monthly discussion. He will also appoint a new Council of Economic Advisers at the Treasury.

Mr Brown has promised a Budget within two months, and I July is the likely date. It will definitely do two things: intro-duce the windfall tax on privatised utilities, and reduce VAT on domestic energy to 5 per cent. Concern about the threat of legal challenges means there will be a few weeks of sensitive discussions about which companies will be liable for how much.

The additional revenue raised by the windfall levy is earmarked for measures to get the young and long-term unem-ployed into jobs. The bare bones were sketched out in the manifesto. Anybody under 25 is meant to face a choice between a subsidised job, a voluntary sector or community job and full-time education - the unemployment option is being closed. The plans could be implemented later this year, although it is impossible to be sure how quickly they might deliver

There is speculation in the City that the Government will take advantage of its landslide to raise extra taxes in the Budget. The fact that many experts would recommend increasing laxes rather than interest rates

would help justify it.

Companies would probably
be the target for any rise in tax.
But many economists expect this in a later Budget as part of a fullscale reform of company taxition to encourage investment.

As Lahour has pledged to stick to the existing depart-mental spending plans this year and next, Mr Brown can avoid the traditional bruising round of negotiations. There will be nearly 18 months to debate the

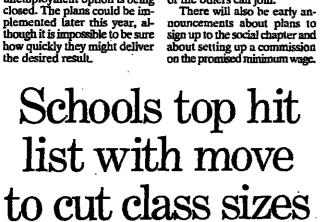
reshaping of public expenditure. Mr Brown's advisers have signalled a wish to move the Budget back to March, but experts think it might be necessary to have one this November too. The long gap between tax changes in November 1996 and March 1998 would leave too much opportunity for tax avoidance schemes to emerge.

Although there is no chance that the personal tax burden as a whole will be increased, there is a possibility of shifting it. The landslide could make Gordon Brown bolder about introducing a 10p starting rate of income tax for the low-paid, financed by reduced allowances for the better off.

The other big issue de-manding immediate attention will be European monetary union. There is barely enough time for an eager government to make the first wave in 1999, so nobody expects this administration to make the dash.

But the question of Britain's later plans will come up at the Inter-Governmental Conference in mid-June. The start of preparations in July for the British presidency of the EU in the first half of next year means that the UK, one of the few countries staying out, will play a crucial part in judging which of the others can join.

nouncements about plans to sign up to the social chapter and



Judith Judd **Education Editor**

Education will be the subject of one of the first bills of the new Parliament to fulfil Tony Blair's promise that his priorities are education, education and edu-

cation.

The bill will include the abolition of the assisted places scheme to pay for smaller classes for five-to-seven-year-olds, the ending of grant maintained status for schools which have opted out of local authority control and, possibly, stronger pow-ers for the Secretary of State for Education to close failing schools.

Labour's pledge on class sizes will be the most tricky to implement. Since money from the assisted places scheme will not be released until next year because pupils who have been offered places for this autumn will continue to be funded, no start can be made on reducing class sizes until next April at the

There will be no law which says class sizes for young children cannot be more than 30. Instead, local authorities will be invited to produce plans for lowering class sizes and will bid for special grants to implement

There are two difficulties with this. The first is that it will only enable local authorities to give schools the money to reduce class sizes: it will not compel them to do so.

The second is that the whole basis of the way in which schools are funded will have to be changed if the maximum savings are to be realised from the assisted places scheme.

At present, schools receive a specific amount for each pupil, depending on their age. If they continue to do this, the only savings will be the comparatively small difference between the cost of an assisted place at an independent school and the cost of a state school

However, if the rules were changed to allow, for instance, authorities to fund schools according to the number of classes rather than the precise number of pupils, the savings would be much greater.

The whole issue of who po-lices class sizes will also have to

be reduced.

Their change of status – Labour is offering them the opportunity to become "foundation" schools - would need to be part of a bill. They will have to have local authority gover-nors and agree their admissions policies with the local authori-

Independent appeal panels who would sort out disputes between the two sides would be included in the bill. The big questions are over their assets which they took with them

that there will be few disputes over admissions policies but

islate to scrap the nursery voucher scheme which it has promised to end by September. The legislation which introduced nursery vouchers for all four-year-olds simply enabled the secretary of state to provide

The new government will, however, need to unscramble the funds which are being disand redistribute them to local authorities. Civil servants believe these could be unpicked according to the promised

schools.

local authorities expect a series

For them and for parents, the key issue will be whether former grant maintained schools will still be able to continue to operate admissions policies which enable them to select the children they want while neighbouring schools continue to take the pupils who live closest

Labour will not need to leg-

be tackled.

Some changes to grant main-tained schools will not require legislation. Labour's promise to fund them in the same way as other schools so that they lose their financial advantages will probably be carried out at once by scrapping the separate fund-ing formula for opted out

The money they receive for services they pay for which would normally be provided by the local authority will also

when they opted out and their control of admissions.

The official Labour line is David McKittrick

strands of the Irish question, but in the immediate aftermath of the election one issue will eclipse all others: whether or not a genume peace process can be reconstructed. This means a major feature of the next few weeks may be a process of exploration as the overnment on the one hand, and Sinn Fein and the IRA on

Ireland correspondent

the other, size each other up and decide whether business can be done together. The central question is whether a second IRA cessation of violence might be in the offing. Labour's position, in common with that of the Conservatives, has been that ministers will not talk to Sinn

Fein until an IRA ceasefire is in tributed as vouchers to parents place. The primary republican precondition for a new ceasefire is a cast-iron, publicly announced, government assurance that such a move would guarantee Sinn

IRA dangles prospect of ceasefire Fein entry into the adjourned multi-party talks. Clearly, to fulfil this would entail some In Northern Ireland Labour will element of communication between the Government and continue to face the usual

the republicans. The political talks are due to resume on 3 June. During the election campaign, Dr Mo Mowlam, as shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, made an overture to republicans with a public suggestion that an

talks in June. For their part, republican sources say they do not regard 3 June as an important deadline, and do not expect any agreement with the Government to have been reached by then. It was, in any event, made clear by Labour, as IRA disruption tactics continued in Britain during the campaign, that the specific offer ought to be regarded as

point might lead to an entry into

null and void. But the fact it was made appears to suggest that in office Labour would actively pursue a

tin McGuinness has repeatedly said he expects another peace process following the same template as the last.

However, while the approaches may be similar in principle, the particulars involved are not only vital but highly problematical. They include questions such as arms de-commissioning and how any new cessation could be verified immediate cessation at that as genuine. The magnitude of these difficulties suggests they will take time to overcome.

Apart from the problems themselves, a number of potentially disruptive, or at least distracting events lie ahead in the immediate calendar. For one thing, another elec-

tion looms in Northern Ireland with all of its 26 local councils to be re-elected on 21 March. A general election is also in the offing in the Irish Republic, with polling likely to take place in next month.

And while Labour explores the possibility of bringing about similar course. This would dove- a new IRA ceasefire, it cannot tail, in principle at least, with afford to ignore the question of

Sinn Fein's expectations; Mar- its relationship with the Protestant and Unionist community. Over the past year the pivotal parliamentary position of David Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party led to a series of concessions

from John Major. Unionism will have to come to terms with the fact that Labour's huge majority has led to the loss of this influence. The wild card in all this,

however, is Drumcree, which is shorthand for the loyalist marching season in general and in particular the controversial march due to take place at Portadown, Co-Armagh, early in July. The Unionist community is clearly torn as to whether pressing its right to march should take precedence over its fears about another summer of widespread disruption.

In a nutshell, therefore, the challenge for Labour will be to attempt to arrange another IRA ceasefire, but to do so without dramatically increasing the fears and insecurities of the Unionists, which would make marching confrontations much

European clock is ticking away at double time

Europe has been waiting patiently for Tony Blair. But now that the new Prime Minister is in office, he will find that the European clock is ticking to a breathtakingly fast timetable. Mr Blair has no time at all in

which to set out his strategy on European reform, and economic and monetary union.

A meeting on European Union reform in Brussels next Monday will be the first attended

by a minister from the new

Government. The first meeting of European finance ministers comes the following week. On 23 May Mr Blair will take part in a European summit of heads of government in the Netherlands. And on 17 June the Government must be ready to sign a new treaty on European reform at Amsterdam. Within the next six months Mr Blair

must decide whether to take

Britain into the single currency at the start on 1 January 1999. The country is about to discover that there is no longer any time to "wait and see" on membership of the single currency. Under the terms of the Maastricht treaty, Britain must "notify" its European partners on whether it wants to be a member of the first wave of singlecurrency countries by the end of this year. Decisions on which countries can qualify to join will be taken by EU heads of govemment in early May next year. Mr Blair will, therefore, be under pressure to decide, probably by the early autumn, whether to call for a referendum on the issue, or decide to keep Britain out until a later stage.

While all these questions demand early decision, the Government must also start preparing immediately to take over the presidency of the EU, which Britain takes up for six months on 1 January next year. Meetings with senior Euro-

ean leaders, including Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, were already being scheduled yesterday for the At Monday's Brussels meeting the Government will be expected to outline its position in the Amsterdam Treaty talks. Decisions on all major European reform issues have been on hold in Brussels, largely due to the uncertainty caused by the British election. But now the EU has less than six weeks to

hammer out a compromise text. in consultation with Robin Cook, the new Foreign Secretary, Mr Blair is to appoint a Foreign Office minister of state for Europe. Peter Mandelson, Mr Blair's election campaign manager, was said to be tipped for the job. Whoever takes this hot seat will no doubt spend the weekend in briefings with Foreign Office officials on some of the most complex issues facing Europe today. Also in Brussels on Monday will be Stephen Wall, Britain's permanent representative to the EU, and the man who has presented the Tory government's case in Brussels

for nearly 18 months. The British minister will face the severe challenge of demonstrating to other European leaders that Mr Blair's Government is, as it has declared, more positive towards Europe. without being seen to cave in to integrationist demands.

Among Britain's partners there will be great hopes that the new Government will on Monday set about swiftly unblocking numerous policy logiams on restructuring, caused by John Major's Government's opposition to any further integration.

Mr Blair's stand on such crucial questions as reducing the use of the veto, creating more power for the European Parliament and building a European policy on defence will be explored. His refusal to sign up to any new integration powers in areas such as justice, immigration and defence will be tested and his commitment to signing up to the Social Chap-

ter will also be explored. Over the next few weeks numerous European Councils will take place in Brussels at which other new ministers will have their first chance to exercise power on the European stage.

Cross-party alliance a threat to devolution

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

ment of 1997.

Only a handful of Tony Blair's Cabinet were in the Labour Government which lost power in 1979, but the devolution battle which proved its final downfall will be scorched deep into the minds of the new Govern-

With some MPs on both sides of the house opposed to Labour's plans for Scottish and Welsh assemblies, Britain's new Prime Minister will be very much aware that the issue will be one of the most difficult with which he will have to deal.

The last time Labour proposed devolution north of the border, the bill ate up nearly one-third of a legislative year, ending in a vote of no confidence. This is why, in the face of strong opposition in Scotland, Mr Blair decided last year that he would hold a referendum on

Although Labour and the Liberal Democrats have agreed to co-operate in introducing leg-islation as soon as possible, they will face opposition from a small handful of their own MPs - including Tam Dalyell, the Labour member for Linlithgow and the inventor of the notorious "West Lothian question". (Mr Dalyell repeatedly asked during the Seventies why Scottish assembly members from West Lothian should be able to vote on English affairs in Westminster when Westminster MPs could not vote on West Lothian affairs in Scotland.) Others, including one of Labour's campaign managers,

Brian Wilson, have anti-devolution pasts. There are also signs that some Welsh Labour MPs, including Denzil Davies, former Treasury minister and MP for Llanelli in Dyfed, and Ray Powell, member for Ogmore in Mid Glamorgan, have doubts about some aspects of the policy, particularly the plans for the assemblies to be elected through proportional repre-

sentation (PR). Mr Blair has already run into trouble twice over his plans

cently during the general elec-tion campaign. The Labour leader was heavily criticised after he said in a newspaper interview that a Scottish assembly would be similar in some respects to an English parish council. He has maintained that sovereignty rests with Westminster, to the fury of many Scots who believe that it rests

with the voters. Mr Blair is well aware that he needs a big hitter in charge of his plans, and it is assumed that he will put his chief whip. Donald Dewar, in charge. However, alternative rumours put Mr Dewar either at the Scottish Office or the job of Leader of the House, where he could oversee all Labour's constitutional reforms.

The other constitutional issue that will exercise Mr Blair's strategists over the next few weeks is the promise of a referendum on the voting system for the House of Commons. However, with such a large majority he does not have to keep the Liberal Democrat Party happy - this is the big issue on which they would have demanded concessions in a bung Parliament, and Mr Blair has already said he is "not persuaded" of the case for proportional representation.

His first act on this issue will be to set up a commission which will recommend a proportional alternative to the present first-past-the-post system. However, the timetable would be tight even if Mr Blair was fully committed to introducing the change before the next election.

Labour's manifesto contained a large section on "clean- 📑 ing up politics", and there are a number of other measures to which the Government is com-

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A Freedom of Information Act and a Bill of Rights are promised, probably in the first Queen's Speech this month. These will incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into law in the United Kingdom as "a floor, not a ceiling". The Freedom of Information Act will be acfor Scottish devolution - once companied by "more open govlast year, over the assembly's ernment", and an independent tax-raising powers, and more re-national statistical service.



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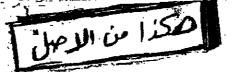
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representation from all over the country, including many places

in core Tory territory, such as

One in five Labour MPs is a

woman. In autumn Tony Blair's

advisers were sufficiently wor-

ried that he was putting off

women voters to do something about it. He adopted a sharply

different political style, visiting

Great Ormond Street children's

hospital with his wife, Cherie,

and asking a question about NHS childbirth in the Com-

mons. The shift came after par-

ty research indicated that older

vomen in particular found him

insincere and too smooth. This

was the reality behind stories that Mr Blair had "flattened his

hairstyle" to appeal to women.

same but women no longer

find Labour off-putting and there was no difference in the

way men and women voted on Thursday, according to the

The other significant aspect

of Thursday's vote was that turnout fell by 6 or 7 points, to

about the lowest level recorded

since the war. This evidence of voter apathy might take some of the shine off Mr Blair's land-

slide, suggesting that it was an

unenthusiastic vote against the

Tories rather than a positive en-

dorsement of New Labour. But

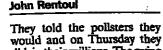
the final Independent/Harris -

BBC's exit poll.

His hair seemed to stay the

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Why pollsters can feel self-satisfied ly representative national par-How Britain voted – anatomy of a landslide ty. Labour now draws its



would and on Thursday they did, in their millions. The swing to Labour was huge, the equivalent of 3 million people changing sides since the last election. but it was concentrated where it could do the Conservatives most damage - in the Midlands, South and London and among the middle classes.

The Liberal Democrat vote was even more focused, so that Paddy Ashdown's party could take maximum advantage of the collapsing Tory vote, even though the Lib-Dem share of the total vote slipped slightly. And John Major suffered further from tactical voting, with voters backing whichever par-ty was best placed to beat the

Tory.
Polling companies will be themselves. congratulating themselves. Even Nick Sparrow of ICM, left slightly pink-cheeked by his poll last week putting the Labour lead at 5 percentage points, emerged with reputation enhanced. His final estimate of Labour's lead beat NOP and MORL The bosses of the five main companies, as is their tradition, placed predictions in envelopes sealed before the polls closed. The forecast from Gallup's Bob Wybrow was closest to the final outcome.

The average of the final polls

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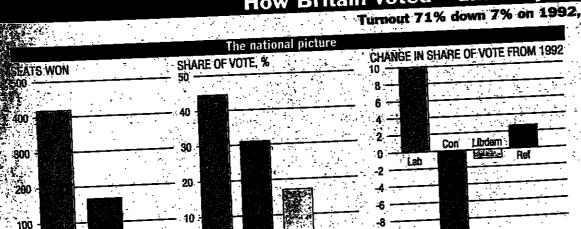
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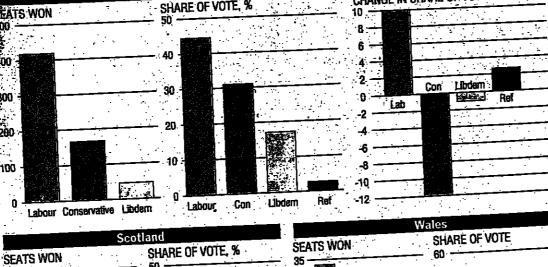
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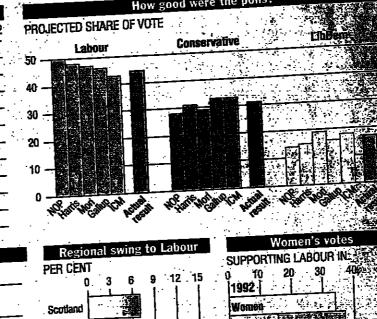
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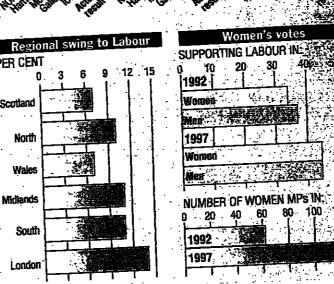
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In terms of Commons seats the Tories have done much worse than Michael Foot's Labour Party in 1983, after the SDP breakaway and Bennite civil war. Then, Labour were reduced to 209 seats. The Tory

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share of the vote on Thursday was just above the 28 per cent recorded by Labour then but this time the Tories were caught in a pincer movement. Where in 1983 the Tories benefited from a divided opposition, now they are squeezed by both the

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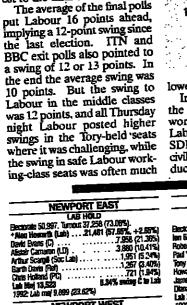
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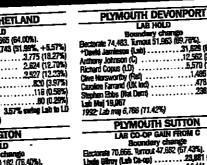
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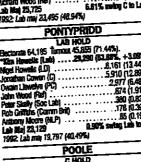
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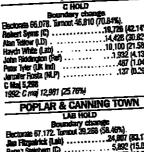
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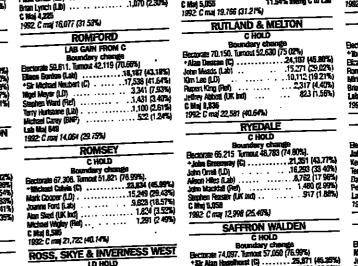


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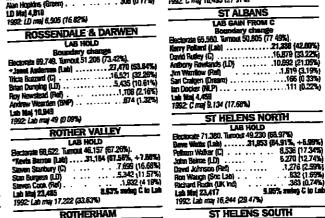






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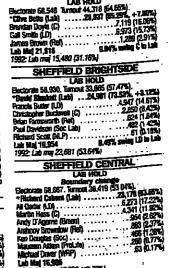
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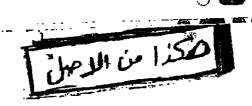
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| 1.10% swing 10 to 1.25 (2.25%) | C HOLD Electron 73:52. Lamour 51:917 (73:58%). "David Wilsolm (C) 23,306 (44.87%, -13.87%) | Ernest Hosel (C) |
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| Constanted et 2011. Immont 22.872 (16.22%). Christopher Losdie (Link) 22.982 (43.42%, +14.97%) "Sir Marcus Fox (C) | Seminor 55 095 Limour 51,117 (77.34s.) Charlotto Athlers (Lub) 22,006 (82.22%) Archite Acharlott (1) 15,007 (22.55%) Christina Jack (10) 5,007 (22.55%) Christina Jack (10) 1,007 (11.15%) Lab Mart and (Ref) 1,503 (3.14%) | SUFFOLK CENTRAL & IPSWICH NORTH |
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| District Rowlands (UK Ind) | C Maj 7,821 1992: Comp 18,615 (32,47%) | C HOLD Boundary change |
| Aban Digman (CFSS) 257 (1.4%), Aban Williams (PPP) 128 (1.2%), Lash Wall (1.570) 11,41%, making C to Lash 1892 C maj 10,965 (18.83%) | STALYBRIDGE & HYDE LAB HOLD | *Join Springer (C) |
| SHROPSHIRE NORTH C HOLD | Boundary change Exturne (5 463 Turnes 43.001 (5 80%) This Pentry (Lab) | Alexandra Jones (LD) |
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| lan Lucas (120) | 1,992 (4 62%) Lab Maj 14,866 1992 Lab maj 7,727 (15 68%) | 1992 C may 16,705 (29 16%) SUFFOLK SOUTH |
| C Maj 2,195 1992: C maj 13,181 (24.67%) | STEVENAGE LAB GASH FROM C | C HOLD Boundary change Excarate 67:323 famost 51,975 (77:20%). |
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| Derek Wysif (Lab) | Andrew Cabach (PEP) | 1992 C may 13,206 (25.07%) SUFFOLK WEST |
| Peter Monti (Felt) | Lab Maj 11,502 1992: C maj 2,919 (5.32%) | A DAY B |
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| 1992 C ma 17,397 (30.56%) SLEAFORD & NORTH HYKEHAM | 1992: C may 236 (0.56%) STOCKPORT | Boundary change Electricis 64,711. Tumout 38,213 (59,05%). |
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| Sectorate 71.486, turnout 53,176 (74.57%). *Douglas Hoog (C) | Electrozie 65.232. Turntut 46.669 (71.54%). * Ann Calley (Lub) | (26 News) (1.00m) |
| John Marriott (LD) | Sylvia Roberts (LD) 4.951 (10.61%) William Moriey-Scott (Ref) 1,280 (2.74%) Geoff Southern (Soc Lab) 255 (0.55%) | 1992: Lib mil 14,226 (21,82%) SUNDERLAND SOUTH |
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| 1992: Lab maj 36 (0.07%) SOLIHULL | Lab Maj 21,357 1992: Lab maj 10,666 (21,08%) | Sections 72,852. Immu 54,659 (75,025). *Polar Macausta (5) |
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| Rachel Harts (Lab) | *Tim Devin (C) | C HOLD |
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| Chichrafe 73,988, Turmout 97,403 (77,36%). Daniel Heiself (LD) | Edward Federation (2017) Paler Santyar III (2.08%) Michael Colombia (2007) | 1992 C may 22,754 (40.58%) SURREY SOUTH WEST |
| Romaid Gadd (UK Ind) | Fran (Norski (LD) | C HOLD Becomie 72,350, Brant 56,458 (78,03%). |
| SOUTH HOLLAND & THE DEEPINGS | STOKE-ON-TRENT NORTH | "Regista Battomby (C) . 25,165 (44.57%, -19.04%) Hall Sheeteck (LD) |
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| Peter Millen (LD) | Jenneter Tobin (Parl) | CHOLD |
| 1992: C may 16,762 (42.9%) SOUTH SHIELDS | STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH | Beandary change Seconds 85,784. Eurout 53,462 (77,73%). + Manuals (6) |
| Boundary change Becknate 52,251, Turnout 38,978 (62,67%). | Plecingue 69,968, Turnoté 45,235 (65,05%). | Seconda 93,74 surroux 23,202 (7.1792; Hillsholde Sammer (6] |
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| Alan Loraina (Ref) | Alson Michigan (1.6) | 1992 C maj 17,407 (30.69%) SUTTON & CHEAM |
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| 1992: Lab maj 1,053 (1.84%) SOUTHAMPTON TEST | LAB GAIN FROM C | Douglas Hope (Hef) |
| LAB HOLD Boundary change 22 083 *Smoot 52,441 (7) 85%). | Backstain 64.968, Turnost 40,701 (76.50%) Backstain (Lain) | 1992: C may 25,036 (45,874) SHANSEA EAST |
| Alam Whiteleast (Link) | Chris Braceal (LD) | LAB HOLD Sections 57,372, Turnout 38,674 (67,41%). |
| LAB HOLD | Lab May 5,045 1992: C may 5,398 (10,56%) | Becomin ST 273, Turoux 28,574 (ST 475). **Desmil Ambresia (Lub) |
| Ann Donner (1977) 1, 387 (2,85%) Pater Daty (Ref) 388 (0,45%) Howard Marks (4,07) 288 (0,45%) Anthony McCabe (MK Ind) 288 (0,45%) Paul Bylor (6,004) 27 (0,15%) John Shal (19,004) 27 (0,15%) | STRANGFORD ULP HOLD | Michelle Protity (PC) 1,308 (1,38%) Catherine Happs (Ref) 904 (2,24%) Descript this (Section 1) |
| 1002 (ah m# 2,722 (5,04%) | Boundary change Becards (9.58), Ternoul 41,519 (59.47%), + John Tenter (UEP) | Romby July (2005) |
| SOUTHEND WEST | Hectoria (9.500. Memor 4.107 (94.20%) + John Taylor (9.107) 12.579 (30.22%) His Robinson (9.127) Seria McCardy (Misses) 2.775 (8.07%) | SWANSEA WEST |
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| Peter Warburton (ALP) | STRATFORD-ON-AVON | Dat Loyd (PC) 2,675 (8.51%) David Procint (Soc Lab) 386 (2.19%) Lab (6a) 14,650 (7.00%) aving C to Lab |
| C No.; 2.516 1992: G maj 11,992: (23.83%) SOUTH PORT | Boundary change Boundary change C HOLD | SWINDON NORTH |
| LD GAIN FROM C | John Marries (7) | LAB HOLD Boundary change |
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| le (13.54%) | Lab May 5,845 1992: C may 10,103 (18.17%) | Danyft Histor (Mish Ker) 450 (1) Luma Veland (PP) 240 (2) Peter Bohard (NLP) 117 (2) UD Maj 12,571 4.5875, seeing C 1992 (1) maj 7,570 (12,24%) |
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| . 8.758 (21.74%) 6.002 (13.55%) . 854 (1.92%) | | Aughin Hornston (C) |
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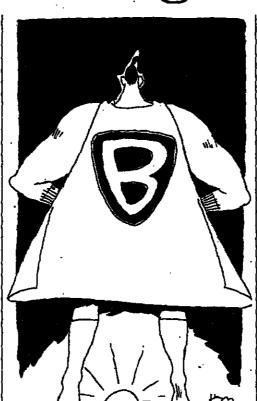
Now relax, and change Britain for ever

es, the world has turned over. A continent has sunk, and a new continent, maybe an even bigger one, has risen. A whole new race of MPs populates this place, young, untrammelled by out of date ideologies, relaxed in their social and even sexual orientation, confident of their place in the world.

Let's first enjoy this spring, relish it. Watching the family Blair and all those who love and cherish them cheer all the way through from late on Thursday night to the steps of No 10, who could not help but be touched? You could point out, with a few drops of cold water, that Labour secured the assent of only 45 per cent of voters, which translates into some 32 per cent of the adult British population, which has some significance when we talk about wills and mandates, and what kind of seat majority is actually right and proper. But, accepting the peculiarities of our electoral system - of which more anon - it is absurd to hedge Tony Blair's triumph around with caveats and qualifications.

He now stands a Colossus astride his party, more free to command the British state than - well, anyone really, for a long, long time. Even if he does experience a little rebellion here and there, some Cabinet dissension, a little leftish backbench revolt, it will matter little. His majority is so huge, and so heavily comprised of his New Labour devotees, that he could operate virtually as a dictator unbound. The scale of his win awards Mr Blair vast discretionary power to make ministers, to shape policies, to enthuse, motivate, regenerate, to send signals home and abroad - in short, to remake British politics. His situation is rich in opportunity, and that is why this is such a thrilling political moment. So let's have some thrills. How about offering the Liberal Democrats some ministerial posts? How about remaking British politics, as he said he would? Tony Blair has a chance of greatness. The

first signs are good. He was wise enough to recognise that he should feel humbled by the scale of his victory. There was no trace of overweening pride or arrogance in his manner yesterday. Štill, it would be a mistake to let humility turn into timidity. Much will depend, during these early hours in power, on how rapidly Mr Blair and his entourage throw off the clenched reflexes of campaigning, and start to look to the long haul - five, 10, 15 years. It is not just a matter of appointments and offices. Labour's inner circle needs to relax into the historic choices that now confront them. Labour's campaign was sensational: the most professional in British history. (The Lib Dems' campaign was pretty stunning too.) The intelligence and drive that produced such a tremendous victory now needs to adopt a new style: not the hard, sphincter-tight



professionalism of campaigning, but the creativity of ideas and administrative imagination that makes a party one of government rather than opposition. Mr Blair said he wants to include, not exclude: let's see his people behave accordingly, all of them. If they do, he can ride this popular wave for a long, long time - after all, the Conservatives are not going to have much hope of effectively opposing for a good while yet.

The Labour leader does seem to be aware of the magnitude of his opportunity. Britain has indisputably voted for a new way forward. But which way, exactly? Apart from acceptance that Labour had reformed, and that the Tories were spent, there was no single "message" from voters, whether about Europe, constitutional change, the National Health Service or any of the items on the formal menu Labour offered. Mr Blair will rightly consider himself bound by his party's central promises on income tax, jobs for youth and the rest - but there then opens a huge territory on which he can range at large.

And that is where he must lead. We hope that he lays a firm hand on his enormous new power, and decides to steer Britain on to a new course, changing the minds of Eurosceptics all over our land, and winning his party (and himself) over to the need for a lasting reform of the constitution.

The huge fund of goodwill spilling out

in history

Toynbee thinks

KENNETH BROWNELL

Sir: Polly Toynbee's column on John

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to his credit: his handling of the Gulf

Major (1 May) leaves a rather sour after-taste. Whatever his faults Mr

war, the negotiations over the

yesterday could be used by New Labour to fire the populace. Mr Blair could use his astonishing strength at home to lead in Europe. He is fresh, full of potential. He seemed, yesterday, a little awed by the responsibility, and quite right too. But he must use it, quickly, to swing Britain away from its recent political cynicisms and failure.

The test of Tony Blair's mettle will be whether he uses this majority to create the "new politics" he has promised. When the House of Commons reassembles he will point to the mass of Labour MPs at his back and rightly say that with them - the increased numbers of women, their relative youth come new political responses. But the merest glance at the psephological arithmetic points out what he must also do. First-past-the-post. single-member seats produce unjust results. Conservative supporters in Scotland and Wales have been disenfranchised. Despite their increased seats, the Liberal Democrats have fewer members than their share of the vote deserves. By moving towards proportional representation, Tony Blair's majority gives him an unprecedented opportunity to chance the face of British electoral politics for ever. Thursday night was no revolution in itself: it does, however, provide the most breathtaking chance of conducting a real revolution with the overwhelming assent of the people. And the sun shone, too.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Labour: how we will restore the NHS as a great public service | Major's place

Sir: You commented (28 April) that all parties in this election had "almost completely ignored the NHS's plight". We in the Labour Party - with three national press conferences, a poster campaign, a series of interviews, speeches and party election broadcasts - certainly haven't.

We believe that the future of the NHS has in fact been one of the most important issues in the election campaign. And although we don't claim that it is possible to put

everything right overnight, we are determined to make a serious start on the restoration of the NHS as a great public service run in co-operation for patients rather than as a cluster of squabbling commercial businesses.

As part of that purpose we intend to reduce the costs of bureaucracy and administration in the NHS and direct resources out of paperwork and into patient care.

Your article (30 April), claiming that this would be impossible without

either losing jobs or increasing administrative costs (both claims were made in the same article) ignored the specific proposals we have to end the internal market processes which are the root cause of the problem. We want to replace 3,000 fundholding units with 500 commissioning groups. We will replace annual contracts with three to five-year agreements. We will end the paperchase of individual patient invoicing. All of these changes will

reduce bureaucratic costs and help us to devote extra resources to improving patient care.

These proposals are not just about saving money, reducing oureaucracy and getting more patients off the waiting lists. They are also about transforming the entire competitive culture that has caused such damage CHRIS SMITH

Lahour Campaign Headquarters London N1

London E8 Stand by for interest rates to go up

Sir. Chancellors of the Exchequer who take inflationary risks with the economy are seldom blamed at the time, so Diane Coyle's observation (1) jected to cruel and unusual experimentation - hysteria-May) that "Mr Clarke has primed the ringed gusts of laughter; strange pump a bit too much ahead of the and impenetrable jokes; a cruel election" is welcome. In due course, enthusiasm for the terminahe is sure to join the ranks of Lawson Barber and Maudling - Chancellors tion of certain political careers. But they did the business. GK irredeemably associated with excess Chesterton had some line

rather than success. The money supply (M4) is expanding well outside the Bank of England's monitoring range of between 3 and 9 per cent, so a substantial rise in interest rates is

Overdue return to Georgian values

London NW5

Sir: I have just come across this extract from Thomas Paine's Rights of

When it shall be said in any country in the world: "My poor are happy; neither ignorance nor distress is to be found among them; my jails are empty of pris-oners, my streets of beggars; the aged are not in want; the taxes are not oppressive; the rational world is my friend because I am a friend of its happiness" - when these things can be said, then may that country boast of its constitution and government CLIFFORD A BROWN Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Champagne socialism

Sir: Congratulations to the Labour Party. However, after watching their celebrations on Friday morning can offer this advice, which may avoid embarrassment in the future? Twisting a champagne cork usually produces one of two results: a broker

cork or a deluge. After removing the retaining wire hold the bottle at 45 degrees and apply firm thumb pressure inwards the cork where it joins the bottle. Repeat two or three times before gently twisting the cork to remove. Virginia Water, Startey

Odd one out

Sir: We note that Scotland and Wale have totally rejected the Tory party. but not so England. Is it not the time to consider the

possible advantages, nay, the inevitability, of devolution for MĞEDE IL BATES Colchester, Essex

Watery grave

Sir: Clear blue slaughter? EUAN CARTWRIGHT Cartisle

LETTER from

Scepticism, though, is a differerewith an epistle from an exhausted, unslept, ent matter. In this campaign, Lraw-eyed and, I fear. Independent readers were disproportionately pro-Labour and rather smelly editor. Election pro-Liberal Democrat - and so, I have to say, was the paper's staff, according to straw polls in the office. When we put our campaigns are always tiring affairs for hacks, but this is especially so on a small paper like The Independent. After a long night of curled sandfinal edition to bed on Thursday night. I made a short speech of wiches, warm lager, battered thanks to the Stakhanovites still keyboards and much shouting, the newsroom looked rather as standing, and including a word of commiseration to all Tory-I imagine the Japanese embassy in Lima to have been voting colleagues. A single, twoin the closing stages of the hostage crisis. By the end of this fingered hand was raised from the other end of the room. campaign, our election desk, confined to a small glass cubi-Yet the paper continued to ask uncomfortable questions cle echoing with the constant through the campaign - infuriating Labour headquarters. We babble from rival televisions, had begun to behave like a won't stop doing so now bunch of caged primates sub-Labour is so securely in gov-

about journalists working

harder than any other lazy people in the world. I know

According to a stream of nice

letters, you seemed to think so,

anyway. We didn't get the lift in sales we'd had in earlier elec-

tions, though things picked up briskly in the last few days of

campaigning, and we seem to have outdone the rest yester-

day, when it really mattered.

But then newspapers gener-

ally weren't avidly consumed

during the campaign. I think people simply reckoned they knew the likely result and men-tally shrugged. Now it's over.

and the result is more interest-

ing and unexpected than any-

thing in the campaign. I suspect

What, though, about our experiment of sending reporters

to marginal constituencies to

talk to swing voters? That pro-

duced a feeling, halfway

through the campaign, that "it

isn't over yet". In fact, given the

crushing nature of the defeat, it

must have been, or nearly. Yet the tentativeness of these swing

voters about New Labour was

real enough; the doubts of undecided people only a couple

of weeks before polling told a story of a country that has

grown a little cynical of politics.

If Tony Blair can break down

that cynicism, he will have done

a great job for the country.

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After a long night of curled sandwiches, warm lager and much shouting, the newsroom looked rather as I imagine 🐧 the closing stages of

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expect us to. I want the paper to offer constructive, friendly analysis, but to do so standing clearly outside the Labour family. The size of Blair's triumph compels respect and a certain humility from the press - his spin doctors and political strategists could not have played it better. But any journalism worth its salt will be compelled to worry late at night about the huge, unconstrained power of the new government. We want it to succeed, but we are wary of everyone in power. We cannot help it that is our instinct. There is nothing more important now than to give this hugely popular new leader a fair press; but political jour-nalism without scepticism and a due measure of outright impertinence - is merely turgid propaganda. British politics is in a sense starting again and will require a new standard of reporting to get its measure; and that is what we will do.

Andrew Marr

QUOTE UNQUOTE When the curtain falls, it's time to get off the stage - John Major, announcing his intention to stand down as leader of the Conservative Party

I will not let you down - Tony Blair, after winning Sedgefield. This result demonstrates that being openly gay is not a barrier to election - Stephen Twigg, Labour, who ousted the former defence secretary Michael Pontillo in Enfield Southgate

And James Goldsmith, you can get off back to Mexico knowing that your attempt to buy the British political system has failed—David Mellor, after his defeat at Putney

Oh my God, it's the night of the living dead - Boy George, pop-star after winning a legal baule with Kirk Brandon over a disputed gay affair, then hearing that Brandon planned to sue him in the US The trouble with writing a novel about the suburbs is that you would have to go and live in them - Martin Amis, novelist If we encourage the use of mean, trite, ordinary language, we

encourage a mean, trite and ordinary view of the world we inhabit the Prince of Wales, lamonting what he sees as a decline in standard of Facility.

dards of English There was no sadness at an era passed, rather the reverse - a feeling of relief - Geoffrey Page, of the Leander Rowing Club, after members voted to admit women for the first time in its 179-year history

Now we can start doing business over the single currency

Sir: Now that New Labour have won the election, the Prime Minister must attend urgently to Britain's real interests in Europe.

The defeated nationalists needed enemies, but patriots know that it is in their country's interests to make friends with their neighbours, to see what we can do together that we cannot do separately.

Britain's first need is for a stable currency, not an unstable pound which makes British industry pay 40 per cent more interest for new investment than our main competitors and whose sudden surges cut harshly into the cashflow of our exporters. It is in our national interest that the European economy should not be run by the unaccountable decisions of the Bundesbank, but that the Governor of the Bank of England should be part of the decision-making process of a European currency. And it is strongly in our interest that we should be in this new currency in the first wave. Otherwise, as in the past, we will arrive after all the key

US lessons on the

Sir: Hamish McRae's account (29

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Opponents usually ignore the American evidence. Kenneth

Clarke dismissed the American

rate as very low. Here are the facts:

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Employers may not dismiss any employee to hire someone at the

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These are not low rates. The

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11.78 litres of petrol, which in the UK would cost £7.07; a can of

Campbell's mushroom soup costs

35 cents there, but 53p here. A

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These facts and Hamish

McRae's analysis make nonsense

of the claims that a minimum wage

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decisions have been made and after we have had to raise interest rates by 2/3 per cent above their current premium in order to prevent a run out of sterling into the strongest

currency in the world. The sharp reduction in interest rates with a new currency will give a huge relief to the exchequer and the boost to industrial investment which British industry needs to recover our trade surplus, expand our labour-intensive industries and stop having to pay two million people to do nothing. That is the real way to fill the budget black hole without raising

At Maastricht, Chancellor Kohl said that he would not agree to give up the DMark without an increase in democratic accountability through an increase in the powers of the elected European Parliament. The last British government vetoed that. Our new government should support any new proposal for an open and democratic Europe. Sir FRED CATHERWOOD Balsham, Cambridge

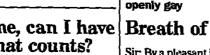
Next time, can I have a vote that counts?

rightly urged us to give democracy a are about choosing the bad over the worse, and I decided to vote Labour words crucial to the present debate minimum wage.

He quotes evidence that most of government than an evil one. The disillusionment I can live with, but what I find so intolerable is that, for the fourth time out of four, my vote

> By all means encourage us to use the blunt instrument of change that we have, but now can you begin encouraging someone to sharpen it? Next time I'd like my vote to count. CHAS LOFT Sir: Thanks to the accurate coverage

and advice offered by newspapers such as this one, the British people have learned to vote tactically within the present absurd electoral system in order to produce a result reasonably close to what they actually want.
We must hope it is the last occasion on which they will be obliged to do so. Dr GRAHAM SHIPLEY



Sir: Your leading article of 1 May go. Time has taught me that elections because I would rather have a useless counts for nothing, because I live in a

No one has canvassed my street, and two of the major parties have not even sent a leaflet. This election has been entirely about capturing the support of a relatively small number of terminally indecisive and geographically fortunate floating

voters in marginal constituencies. Would Labour have had the same manifesto and exhibited the same bland caution if everyone's vote was worth having, and would your correspondent Beverley Johnston (letter, 1 May) know so many frustrated Lib-Dems?



Dame Jill Knight, one of those who supported the infamous Clause 28. Three hours later, we saw the Exeter result. Nothing ironic about that. Decent, non-radical Middle Englanders saw the local

straight vote for repressive "family values" - and walked away. The Labour candidate, fighting scrupulously on national issues, won by 11,000 votes. Suddenly, fresh air and daylight

Ben Bradshaw campaigning in Exeter. The newly-elected Labour MP is

seem to have broken in on a rather marshy comer of the moral maze. Dr MICHAEL HALLS Conservative Party offering it a Christon: Devon

BSE scandal won't go away

Sir. Dogs developing a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy like BSE (report, 28 April); 6.117 BSE carcasses buried; blood transfusions may actually be a risk ... why should this come out three days before an election? Full marks to The Independent for finding it out and letting us know, but could it be that

the Ministry of Agriculture would rather that this data came out then than into the hands of a new government? Hidden information eads to public or judicial inquiries ...

and the ministry wouldn't want that, would it?

If I can give the incomers some advice, there is plenty more hidden than they are telling you and the lack of adequate research will not be obvious. An inquiry really is needed or the new government will continue to be blamed for the errors of the

Dr STEPHEN DEALLER

These pranksters are no joke

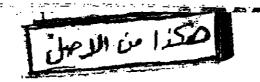
Sir: In the parliamentary constituency in which I live a candidate was allowed to stand for election under the official description "New Labour". The young man's candidature does not appear to have been accompanied by any statement of his views, or his reasons for standing, or by any communication with the electorate.

It is to be presumed that the prankster's aim was to harm the nterests of the Labour Party by deceiving and confusing the voters. A candidate calling himself a Literal Democrat probably harmed the Liberal Democrat candidate in a recent election elsewhere.

bring forward legislation to require returning officers to disallow official descriptions of candidates whose aim is to confuse the electorate. This would not disqualify the unusual, the humorously intended or the downright eccentric descriptions which sometimes enliven elections, but it would rule out those not adopted in good faith. The Rev G W F LANG London W6

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A seismic shift in the political landscape

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he people decided. And they did so with a ruthlessness and certainty that no one, not the man whom it propelled to power, nor his crushed opponents, nor the candidates in improbable seats who never expected to win, had ever envisaged. And in the process Britain demonstrated things, small and not so small, about herself that even she had forgotten. Her commonsense ability, for example, to discriminate between kinds of behaviour lumped lazily together as sleaze. While the vot-

ers of Beckenham returned Piers Merchant - exposed in The Sun for his canoodling with a nightclub hostess - on the correct grounds that his aberration, however ludicrous, had nothing to do with his fitness as an MP, the electors of Tatton confounded many predictions and turfed out Neil Hamilton in favour of a good

and brave war correspondent who arrived in a white suit and with no politics except a timely mission to clean up politics. And in doing so, trihantly exploded the introverted myth that running Hamilton as a candidate would not be a liability to a party already on its knees. There was common sense, and for that matter liberalism. Offered the choice between an openly gay Labour candidate and a right-wing Conservative who menacingly exploited his adherence to "family values" throughout his campaign, previously Tory Exeter cheerfully opted for the Labour man by a margin of more than 11,000.

These are telling details of a seismic shift to which few of the old cliches about transforming political landscapes do justice. The outcome promises not only to realise at a stroke the Wilsonian dream - and in his time it was only a dream - of Labour as the natural party of government. Many of the undecideds on whom ministers based their last flickering hopes turned out to be plotting to vote Labour or Liberal Democrat rather than sullenly ng to admit their intention to vote Tory. And the wipe-out in Scotland and Wales has confined Conservatism, at least for a time, to just the English nation, leaving Labour with the best claim to be the party of the Union. It's ironic, given the campaign which John Major waged against the dangers of devolution, that Labour and Liberal Democrats are now the British parties while also maintaining a towering majority of MPs in England itself.

Never in this century have the Con-

servatives, facing a future, as one surviving ex-minister put it yesterday, as a parliamentary "guerrilla army", been so comprehensively detached from their foundations. The determination with which the Tories were ousted is demonstrated by the number of seats in which the Labour vote willingly squeezed itself to ensure a Liberal Democrat victory. The voters wanted to dispatch the Tory party, and they found, as never before, the means of

The landslide (it seems a pedestrian way of describing a majority of 180) has lessons for the Tories which there is every danger they will fail to absorb in the heat and bitterness of a leadership campaign, but which Ken Clarke,

who yesterday declared himself a candidate, will do his best to impart to a party in which the right may prove less dominant than originally feared. There is no sign, for example, that giving Europe a higher profile in the campaign than the economy helped the Tories. Or that outright

opposition to the single currency was any help to the Tory candidates who proclaimed it. The procession to the electoral tumbrils of the Lamonts, the Ivan Lawrences, and dozens of others are powerful testament to that. In the main, the Goldsmith experiment was contemptuously dispatched. But the more important question is what the awesome majority means for the

Blair government. First, it gives Tony Blair an historic opportunity for reform. Do the Tory peers, for example. really intend to flout the Salisbury doctrine that a government should be free to implement its

manifesto, by attempting to sabotage devolution, or indeed reform of their own House, when the manifesto pledges are underpinned by 419 MPs of the governing party in the Commons? Nothing would better demonstrate their own obsolescence.

But it is also Blair's majority: a majority for New Labour delivered in part because those who voted for him believed he had ditched the party's addiction to the tax and spending spiral. Having recruited it, he isn't about to betray the centre. As the architect of this majority, Blair will, I suspect, be neither triumphalist or tribalist in its use. On Europe, he has stunning freedom to negotiate as he wants. But he also knows that the public is deeply wary of further integration, and that those fears which were exposed in

the campaign will have to be heeded. One of his circle yesterday recollected Hartley Shawcross's infamous remark after Clement Attlee's 1945 victory that "we are the masters now" in order to emphasise that this would not be the spirit in which the Blair administration would be conducted. His future relations with Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats, after their own far from negligible triumphs, remain cloudy; but it surely misjudges his mood to think that he will not want them as outriders at least to the project of reform and social renewal to which he's now dedicated. It is Mr Ashdown's party, after all, which takes the anti-Tory vote share up to a breath-

taking 62 per cent.

And all this doesn't mean Toryism with another face, however much some people may hope or fear it does. When Blair said last weekend - in a much dissected remark - that the left should realise that nothing has been ceded in the campaign which can't be recovered in office, he meant something: that the campaign which tri-umphantly delivered victory, never, even at its most defensive, sacrificed the principles in the programme on which he stood. Fulfilling those aspirations on the NHS, on education, on welfare reform may be only a start. But what a start. The electorate has willed their new prime minister to give them a reason not to be cynical. It won't be easy. But yesterday in Downing Street he looked like a man who wants to do just that. Savour it: history brings few glad, confident mornings like this.

It's goodbye to Mr In-Between

Despite his achievements, John Major will be remembered as the prime minister who came after Thatcher and before Blair, says Andrew Marr



Yesterday's man; as a political leader. John Major could comfort and mildly amuse much of the nation, but he never

shattering defeat he will be blamed for with the dignity and almost eerie self-control that we have come to expect. He did not try to evade what happened. He was generous to Tony Blair, and sensible in quickly announcing his own exit. This is the moment, then, to look back before we look forward and ask: What did John

Major mean? Here is one measure of how much he mattered; had he not become Prime Minister to succeed Margaret Thatcher, there is a good chance that Labour would have won in 1992. This week, the contest would have been between a Kinnock-led governing party that had been obliged sharply to raise taxes and endure the full storm of Euro-phobia, and a revitalised Tory party, led by - who knows?

Yet even that measure, a fantasy one, defines Mr Major's misfortune in politics: he has been a man who stopped things happening rather than one who made things happen. By beat-ing Labour at the polls, he finally blocked British socialism. He stopped the Conservative Party falling apart over Europe, if perhaps only temporarily and at great personal cost. He cancelled the poll tax, or at least caused it to be cancelled. He prevented the Maastricht treaty from being a straightforward lever towards greater integration and blocked the single currency with our opt-out.

These are huge negative achievements. He has certainly left a mark on the country. No Major, no New Labour. Today Tony Blair would be, perhaps, an outgoing Home Secretary, shaking his head and warning of the need for his party to change. Clause IV would still be enshrined in the Labour Party constitution. The trade unions would be embedded both in the Labour Party's policy-making and in national

No Major, no opt-out from economic and monetary union. Imagine it: today we would be heading apparently unstoppably for the single currency. How dramatically would that have changed our politics? Would the Tories not now be campaigning openly as a national-ist party, and calling for with-drawal from the coming federation? We cannot really know.

Maybe Michael Heseltine would have succeeded Thatcher, somehow held the party together (I doubt it) and negotiated a similar Maastricht position (I doubt that, too). Perhaps the dolours of the Major years, from the policy disaster of Black Wednesday to the real disaster of the BSE crisis, would have been better handled by another Tory leader or a Kinnock administration.

All we know for sure is that Major himself will be remembered more for the person he replaced, and the electoral landslide that finally buried him, than for what he did himself. In

policy terms, there was little that is distinctive in "Majorism". The Citizen's Charter was a trendy, consumer-power idea which was fine as far as it went, but which frankly didn't go very far. The "next steps" hiving-off and commercialisation of parts of the state bureaucracy were a logical extension of privatisation and have saved taxpavers' money. But the ideas came from abroad and have not, to date, managed to reconcile pri-vate business culture with pub-

lic service. In the health service, the introduction of market-mimicking mechanisms and fundholding produced some greater efficiencies and better, richer GP practices, but at the cost of an excessive and unaccountable new health bureaucracy. The "two-tier health service" has moved from being a rhetorical Opposition objection to being hard, visible fact. Like the utility privatisations, some NHS trusts have produced "fat cat" managers whose attitudes

• It was an era of great commercial and cultural vibrancy but political hesitation offended the drab, but serious and honest public service culture of Britain.

In education, Major's drive to give more freedom to schools and less authority to local authorities has given some headteachers real power to change things for the better. What he said about school culture was brave and right and was fol-lowed by Labour. His insistence

on league tables, however flawed the early ones have been. was a victory for openness and information. But in general, the education changes of the Major years lacked coherence and direction. Without differently-valued education vouchers and a far more radical attitude to what constitutes a school, he had no way of realiy

power. Too often "parental choice" came to mean the power of the best local schools to turn children down. If he wasn't heading back towards an 11-plus type system, it was hard to know quite where he was going. Thus far the management changes, along with the national curricuhum, have gifted Britain the most divided, most centralised education system since the war. What of the area where

Major himself hoped to achieve an historic breakthrough -Northern Ireland? Had he not grasped the tentative offers of Irish nationalism early on, and stuck doggedly to the endless negotiations that followed the first IRA ceasefire, then the peace process would have been stillborn. The killings and bombings would, we must assume, have continued at the previous rate. That means that there are today hundreds of people alive who would have been dead but for John Major, and thousands whole who would have been maimed but

for this tenacious and patient

man. How many other people in modern British history can claim as much?

That is a great achievement, whether or not the Irish dilemma is resolvable. We should never forget it. But it has then to be said that Major did not pursue the process with as much determination when it began to fall apart, and the warnings from Dublin grew

more shrill and more panicky. He adopted a morally coher-ent but inflexible negotiating posture. Why? Partly because he thought it right, but also because he judged the thinness of his parliamentary majority and the simmering rebelliousness of strongly pro-Ulster Tory MPs made it impossible to apply yet more pressure on the Unionists. Another leader might have made another judgement - might have looked at the Westminster arithmetic, realised that there was a risk of this being the first administration to fall on the Irish question since Gladstone's - and pressed

on anyway. Even had that hap-

pened, the Irish parties might

have been wholly resistant to

further pressing. We cannot

know. But at any rate, Mr

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Downing Street, he was a member of the British family, rather than the family head.

He was the blinking, decent-looking bloke at the head of an ill-disciplined and disloyal crew, whose rats and fanatics got most of the coverage. They, above all, stopped any bigger messages breaking through about the economy or social reform, and as time went on Westminster under Major became an increasingly surreal sideshow. There were lurid sleaze stories, incomprehensible vendettas and endless arguments about the constitution between strange men in blazers ... and there seemed only a weak link between all that

and daily life.

I think it was that broken link between what the Tories were up to under Major and the country's attention or respect that most explains the Labour landslide. Had John Major been a better leader, he would have silenced the worst of the disloyalists and managed, somehow, to regain our attention. But he wasn't, and didn't,

and paid the penalty.

If that seems a harsh verdict, it is also worth saying that he was, perhaps, the leader for his time. After the turmoil and high emotion of the Thatcher years, he gave the nation a kind of a rest. Ideologically, he was on the winning pro-market side. But he was also an early British victim of the relative loss of power and status of national leaders in the age of global markets - and the victim this week of the lurches in voter mood which may be part of that

post-ideological age. He was a too-still point in a fast-turning world. The Major years have been years of great cultural and commercial vibrancy, but of political hesitation. As between full-hearted engagement in European Union and the beginnings of withdrawal from that Franco-Gerracism, his genuine dislike of man project, he dithered. But perhaps dithering was exactly what Britain wanted from him.

minister. He would probably concede that himself. But he did his level best, with stoicism, grit and - mostly - heroic good humour while we mocked him half to death. In the end, his dignity silences the mockery. But in the end, he was our Mr In-Between: he was what hanpened after Margaret Thatcher. us. Throughout his time in and before Tony Blair.

Now that Blair's won, he'll dare all

mistake, this is a man with a mission, and winning the election was merely the first step in a long journey, to which only he has the map. But in spite of the hopes of many in the Labour establishment, the route is not a return to some pre-Thatcher par-adise, where Tony Blair picks up where Labour left off somewhere in the mid-Seventies. This movie cannot simply be entitled The Return of the Left. We are in uncharted waters, and the captain has so far only hinted at how radical his

approach may be. As he unfolds his plans, there will be whingeing from the crew. But it would be an error to imagine that the old-style leftright divide will reoccur. Even those outside the Blair circle are swept up by enthusiasm for him. Diane Abbott went so far as to suggest that Mr Blair might turn out to be Britain's Franklin Delano Roosevelt - New Labour, New Deal. Blair's aim is clearly to make the 19th-century divide in our politics irrelevant. The landslide has delivered him a parliamentary party that

will help him in this task. I wrote last week that a historic transformation was about to take place in the House of Commons, and predicted that the cultural change about to hit Parliament might amaze us all. Little did I guess what was about to unfold. Labour's huge majority will put Mr Blair into No 10 Downing Street for 10

years at least; the wave of euphoria and goodwill is already evoking overheated comparisons. I spotted the first mention of the Kennedys in an interview with Barbara Follett at lunchtime yesterday - New Labour, New Camelot. The presence of the Blair children and those of many around him yesterday reinforce the contrast with an older, grey, Tory leadership. Even the sun shone for him. as he and Mrs Blair walked hand-inhand in Downing Street.

The party that will squeeze itself on to the benches behind Mr Blair will be younger. It will be more female than any governing party in history. I am sure that the instant analysis will show that they represent a new, less classbound, less tribal grouping than any Labour has returned before.

Last Saturday I discussed the likely influence of the new breed of former student politicians in the new Parliament. There are, it turns out, no less than six former presidents of the National Union of Students in the new PLP; the most spectacular victory of the night, the defeat of Michael Portillo, was scored by one of them, Stephen Twigg. Pascinatingly, Twigg, the most surprised man in the country, instinctively thanked his Liberal Democrat opponents for their tactical voting. This was the crumbling of tribal political loyalty laid naked.

In the last full week of the campaign I interviewed Blair about his policies for



Trevor Phillips

The new premier and those who will sit behind him owe no debt to the party's history

the nation's capital. By this point he bad become the perfect candidate: charming, confident, focused, unshakeable. He believed that he would win, and had already started to move beyond the campaign. Not only did he have a policy; he had decided what he would do with it. For example, the manifesto for London projected both a directly elected mayor and a directly elected council for London, without making a choice about who would actually run the city. This was clearly a compromise to keep his Environment Secretary Frank Dobson, who hates the idea of a mayor, onside. Yet, when asked directly, Blair did not hesitate for a nanosecond; he opted for what he called a "strong, individual leader" who could bind people together. Sounds familiar? If he were not otherwise engaged, he'd fancy the job himself. What cannot be said often enough

about Blair is this: he is a man who carries no baggage. His clothes, his bearing, his speech hold no obvious clues to his origins. Ironically, though his opponent coined the phrase "the classless society", it is Blair who most accurately embodies it. He has no debts to Labour history, in that he does not come from any of Labour's great battalions - trade unions, leftist intelligentsia, the Celtic mafias with which both Smith and Kinnock were identified. And those who will sit behind him, many of whom I have talked to in The Midnight Hour over the

past two years, are equally déclassé. Gisela Stuart, whose election in Edgbaston signalled what was to come, could have come straight out of central casting young, attractive, direct. Even her German accent did not detract from the image. It is precisely the fact that Blair and his new party have broken with the cultural inheritances of Labour that will allow them to do things that Labour would never before have dared to do.

There is a problem, however, that Mr Blair and his colleagues will be wrestling with over the next few weeks. They will have to find new peers, new bosses for quangos, new polítical advisers, even perhaps new faces for municipal power. Even before the results were coming in, the sycophants were lining up. High in the stomach-turning stakes was Richard Branson's toothy appearance at the Labour victory party, coyly refusing to reveal how he voted, but managing to suggest that he had been on the side of the angels all along, and was now ready to play his party alongside the new masters.

The single biggest triumph for decency in politics was not at Tatton, where the voters had a simple choice. It was in Birmingham and in Welwyn, where the Tory tribe rejected the seductive, poisonous appeal to bigotry of Nicholas Budgen and David Evans. Thank you, all of you.

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Shares power ahead to new peak

But utilities take a battering and base rates look set to rise

Michael Harrison, Diane Coyle and Tom Stevenson

The stock market yesterday confounded expectations by shrug-ging off Labour's landslide election victory and powering ahead to close at a new record. London ignored the size of Tony Blair's majority, preferring to fol-low the lead of New York, where a weak set of job figures pushed the Dow higher. The FTSE 100 Index of leading stocks ended the week 10.6 points higher at a new

peak of 4,455.6 Sterling also ended the day marginally higher against both the dollar and the mark after a roller-coaster session on the foreign exchanges which at one point saw the pound down by nearly five pfennings against the German currency.

However, it was not all joy. Utility and transport stocks took a beating as the prospect of Labour's windfall tax turned from a threat into a reality. Electricity and water stocks fell heavily as did shares in FirstBus, GoAhead and National Express as dealers fretted about tougher regulation of the bus industry under Labour.

Some economists also warned that equity markets might be underestimating the threat of Gordon Brown raising corporate taxes and slashing tax credits available to institutions in his first Budget, expected in early July.

Most analysts said the scale of Labour's victory meant there was now a possibility of it pursuing more radical policies than expected, but traders' natural instincts probably played at least as big a part.

David Kern, chief economist at NatWest, said base rates were likely to rise very soon, possibly

as early as next week, to at least 6.25 per cent and possibly to 6.5 per cent to keep the lid on in-

flationary pressures. He added that Gordon Brown's emergency Budget would probably produce a net fiscal tightening of £2bn-£3bn. But he also warned that if the new Chancellor reduced the tax credit available to pension funds and other tax-exempt institutions, it would increase the risk of a 10-15 per cent correction in share prices. That could wipe more than 400 points off

Although higher corporate tax rates would hit company

€ We can only guess how New Labour will respond to the pressures of government 9

profits, that would be offset by a reduced need for higher interest rates.

Meanwhile Labour received a cautious welcome from the business community. Adair Turner, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, urged Mr Blair to consult with business before implementing his windfall tax, union recognition proposals and national minimum wage The CBI also called on Labour to combine its support for the Social Chapter with a campaign to ensure flexible labour markets across Europe.

Ann Robinson, directorgeneral of the British Retail

Consortium, said: "It is clear there is a real commitment to

working with business." Ruth Lea, head of policy at the traditionally right-wing Institute of Directors, said: "The Labour party has reasonably reassured us that they are in the business of working with business." But she added: "We still have objections to signing up to the Social Chapter and extending employment

Mark Brown, head of strategy at Hoare Govett, said: "We can only guess how New Labour will respond to the pressures and conflict of government. The uncertainties are greater than per-

ceived wisdom suggests."

The pound initially dived on foreign exchange markets after hitting its highest levels for almost five years earlier in the week. But it ended the day a pfennig higher at DM2.8030 having been as low as DM2.7560 at one point.

One of the new Chancellor's first acts could be to raise interest rates. The next monthly monetary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and the Bank of England is expected to recommend once again a small increase.

This would disappoint ex-porters who fear that sterling could be driven even higher by increased interest rates. Yesterday the House Builders' Federation joined in the pleading against an increase in the cost of borrowing.

Roger Humber of the HBF said: "It is important that Gordon Brown understands that the country as a whole is not expenencing a housing market boom, and that the recovery of the market could be damaged by unnecessary increases in in-



Scottish & Newcastle, the UK's largest brewer, said yesterday it is essential that the Labour government consults widely on its plans to introduce a minimum wage. The company, which has 28,000 employees, many of whom are bar staff (above),

said the minimum wage 'cannot sensibly be based only on hourly base rate' but must also take account of other elements such as pensions and incentives, food and lodging and employer's investment in

Beckett faces baptism of fire on bid reports

Michael Harrison

Margaret Beckett, the new President of the Board of Trade, will face three big tests of Labour's competition policy when she takes up office next week.

Waiting in her in-tray will be two reports from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on mergers in the ferry and brewing industries. By the end of this

month she will also be in receipt of the MMC's report on British Gas's pipeline division TransCo. Mrs Beckett is regarded as a hawk on competition policy. which may not bode well for the £200m takeover of Carlsberg Tetley by Bass. The deal would

make Bass Britain's biggest brewer by far, with a near 40 per cent share of the market. The proposed merger of P&O

and Stena's cross-Channel ferry operations was referred to the MMC last year, If it proceeds it is likely to mean reductions in

capacity and job losses. Braish Gas has also warned that up to 10,000 jobs are at risk unless the MMC waters down the new price controls for TransCo announced last year by the industry regulator. If the price cuts are allowed to stand it review the public interest test.

domestic bill.

Mrs Beckett was in favour of changing the burden of proof in takeovers so the onus is shifted on to the bidder to prove its offer is in the public interest. This commitment was omitted from Labour's business manifesto. Instead it gave an undertaking that its panel of advisers would

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Traders left twiddling their thumbs as massacre unfolds In the City, the Tories went out not with a Big Bang but a whimper. Although the dealing rooms many of the many of

though the dealing rooms, many of which remained open throughout election night, had expected a Labour victory, traders none the less struggled to come to terms with the unfolding landslide.

At Bank of America, where the foreign exchange trading floor is usually deserted at night, a handful of dealers were working through election night in the expectation that business would be generated by the uncertainty following the result. The exit polls, however, quashed

be looking for visas to work in other countries.

moved, but he remained confident. drama of the election, jaws dropping at the loss of true-blue Edgbaston.

to bet on. Currency dealers accustomed to making multi-million pound split-second decisions found themselves twiddling their thumbs as certainty, the speculator's enemy, prevailed. There was nothing to do but watch nervously as red "LAB GAIN" graphics flashed on their television screens.

"A complete waste of time," was a common refrain. There won't be any champagne." said Nick Probert. chief trader. "I think most people will

"After a hung parliament, this is the worst case scenario. The market needs volatility to make money. Ideally we'd have seen either party win with a small majority," he added.

Plans to profit from the result were quickly dashed. "Tve bought cart-loads of pounds," Mr Probert said. "Political uncertainty has been removed, and interest rates are sure to

At midnight the market had not

struggling to find anyone to deal with.

and altered his plans. "I must admit sterling's actually gone down. It's beginning to look not too good," he said. Bored, Bank of America's 10

traders kicked off an impromptu game of American football until someone scored a direct hit on another's radio-controlled Ferrari perched on a dealing terminal. Attention returned to the unfolding

Clifford German

executive chairman.

Matthew Clark, the cider maker

which was hit hard last year by

appointing Graham Wilson, the

ormer managing director of

He replaces Michael Gar-

ner, who took over as interim

chairman following the death of Michael Cottrell last October.

Mr Wilson started work yester-day and would give the job as

much time as it needed, a

spokesman said. His salary is not

yet being divulged, but he will

not have a package of incentives.

The board led by Peter

Aikens, chief executive, has

been under pressure from

shareholders after the company

issued a shock profits warning

Labour would win, but this is ridiculous. This is a massacre, said one dealer. "I find it very hard to believe Blair will stick to his promise not to raise income tax. Labour's always soaked the rich. I preferred honest

John. The last straw came when the Labour leader's victory speech promised a society which included all classes and which was about

alcopops.

last autumn which it blamed on

A new marketing strategy

was introduced in January based

on increased advertising, and a

new marketing director was brought in from Guinness in

February. Yesterday's appointment completes the manage-

ment team of four executive and

three non-executive directors.

Blackthorn Gold, will be launched in draught and widget can form. Babycham will be re-

launched later in the year, followed by Dry Blackthorn and Diamond White, the strong

cider which has borne the brunt

The strategy of increased ad-

vertising has been criticised by analysts at BZW, who forecast

it would lead to increased prices

The shares eased 1p to

of the alcopop assault.

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On Monday a new brand,

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triumphantly at the television. You're not having Woking, Mr Blair." Within the hour the Tory defeat had been accepted and many dealers were asleep in their chairs. The day shift arrived to prepare

for the first day of trading under New Labour. One would be Deborah, winner of the dealing floor sweepstake on the size of the Labour majority.

Blakenham questioned on Penguin losses

Magnus Grimond

Lord Blakenham yesterday faced tough questioning from Pearson shareholders over the £100m accounting scandal discovered at its Penguin USA offshoot earlier this year as he took his last annual general meeting as chairman after 19 years at the head of the media to publish-

ing group.

The criticism came as Pearson revealed a new potential £50m black hole in the shape of the "millennium time bomb" the cost of reprogramming computers to cope with the change of date at the end of the

Lord Blakenham, who was the last member of the founding Cowdray family on the board, hinted that the group was prepared take action to recover some of its losses from the US scandal. He suggested the cover-up may have benefited not only Christina Galatro, the former credit manager in Penguin's New Jersey office at the

centre of the scandal, but others "As to motive, we believe that there has been some element of personal gain involved in this matter. We may be making a claim for recovery against one or more third parties," he revealed. Initially it had been thought that Mrs Galatro had been acting on her own out of a sense of misplaced zeal to collect debts wed the company.

Pearson refused to rule out the possibility that Arthur Anderson, ts US auditors, might be sued. Pearson said it had discovered nothing to force it to increase

the size of the £100m provision taken for the losses in last year's accounts, despite the threat of legal action from the American Booksellers Associ-

Marjorie Scardino, who took over as chief executive in January, emphasised that there was no evidence that senior management at Penguin was aware of any impropriety.

But the company's responses failed to satisfy some shareholders. Many expressed sur-prise that Mrs Galatro's activities had gone undetected for so long. "Did this woman never go on holiday?" asked one irate shareholder.

"She took rather a lot of holidays and to some fairly faraway places," replied John Makinson, finance director.

Others were stunned that so much damage could be caused by just one person. But Mr Makinson said: "It is possible for a very determined individual to conceal an enormous amount of improper accounting, adding that the book trade was "a very transaction-intensive business"

Separately, the group revealed that its estimate for the cost of reprogramming computers to deal with the millennium date change was somewhere between £30m and

On current trading, Pearson said Penguin had enjoyed a good start to the year, but noted that if sterling continued to hold up against the dollar and the Spanish peseta for the rest of the year there would be an impact on the translation of overseas profits into sterling.

Lanica looks to end suspension

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Andrew Regan's Lanica Trust said yesterday it expected its stock market listing to be restored later this month following the publication of its annual results and clarification of its legal position relating to the damages claim against it by the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Lanica's shares have been suspended since February when details of its ultimately failed £1.2bn break-up bid for the CWS became public.

Lanica also said that Mr Re-gan and his business partner David Lyons intend to "vigorously" contest the legal action against them. They face a private prosecution brought by the CWS for their leading role in the break-up bid. A statement of claim is required to be served by the CWS shortly and Lanica said it would seek legal advice at that time as to the extent of

The brief statement, which

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was issued late yesterday after-noon, is Lanica's first communication since the abortive bid which was planned through its Galileo offshoot. No one was available from the company to comment further.

Given the failure of the bid, Lanica's shares, which were suspended at £19.50 having soared in the previous two months, are likely to go into freefall. Galileo was put into liquidation earlier this week though the liquidators say there should be sufficient funds to make a reasonable payment to

Meanwhile, Jupiter Asset Management became the last of Mr Regan's main backers to distance themselves from his bid. In a brief statement it said that "having initiated the liqui-dation of Galileo Group it has no further connection with any

of the directors of Galileo". It added that it did not receive any documents alleged to have been stolen from the CWS. It continued: "JAM was

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shocked to learn that some of the documents it received from Galileo's professional advisers may have contained information improperly obtained from the CWS. JAM was not aware of the possibility until it became public information."

Jupiter had acquired £1m of shares in Lanica in an offmarket purchase last December. It also invested £3m in Galileo. A spokesman said that at the time of the investment Jupiter knew that the CWS was the bid target. Jupiter believes that most of those funds remain unspent and is confident of a near full recovery. Earlier this week Killick &

Co, the private client stockbroker, issued a statement condemning the use of "dishonest tactics". Schroders, the other main backer, has already distanced itself from the affair as have Lanica and Galileo's other main advisers which included Hambros Bank, Nomura International and legal firm Travers' Smith Braithwaite.



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Investigations are also under

the competition from alcopops, has taken further steps to strengthen its management by United Newspapers before it merged with MAI, as non-Andrew Regan: Faces private HSBC James Capel has re-

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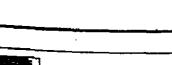
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City would be wrong to think nothing will change

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was the exact opposite of what everyone expected. Most people assumed that a Labour win would be had for shares but good With Margaret for the pound. That was not the verdict of Beckett now installed markets on the first day of "the new dawn". Personally I never did buy the theory that a as President of the Labour win would cause the pound to strengthen yet further, or that it would Board of Trade, we necessarily be bad for corporate Britain. The truth of the matter is that because can expect a much tougher public interest stance on mergers

New Labour is an unknown quantity, with few declared policies directly affecting business, its long-term implications for markets are, for the time being, impossible to call, Labour is committed to leaving economic policy broadly unchanged, it wants a minimum wage but hasn't vet said what it will be or what form it will take, it intends to implement the Social Chapter, but that won't mean a for for the vast majority of businesses, and it intends to push ahead with a windfall profus tax on the privatised utilities. There are few clues as to what it intends to do on industrial or competition policy, and none whatsoever on monetary union.

m not going to even try and address directly the question of what Labour's

landslide victory means for the markets,

not least because initial reaction yesterday

All this, however, is not to underestimate the enormity of what's happened. It may well be that markets haven't yet fully appreciated it. Tony Blair has been given carte blanche to do exactly what he wants, at least for the

next five years. His desire to win a second term will temper his reforming zeal to some extent, but he is not going to miss his chance

to leave his mark on history. Most people have their own story about that point of realisation – the realisation that Labour really had changed under Tony Blair, and changed dramatically. For me, it was listening to Alistair Darling, likely to be appointed the next Chief Secretary to the Treasury any moment, talking about the City. I'd been playing devil's advocate, trying to make him say something Old Labour, Surely you are going to do something about that Square Mile of self-interested greed, I asked. The City is loyal to nobody's interests but its own, it has milked and destroyed our industries, and it will do its utmost to destroy you and your policies too if you ever get elected

We've got no problem with the City, said Mr Darling, with apparent sincerity. The City is a British success story and we'll do everything we can to support it when in government. I still find that a remarkable thing for a Labour politician to say. But while I believe him, it is impossible to think Labour will leave the City entirely untouched. I'm not talking here about reform of City regulation, which in any case is likely to come quite a long way down the the legislative queue. I'm thinking more about the power of the City over the national economy, its short-term approach to money and investment and the often high cost of capital.

There is not much Labour can do directly to force the City into a more politically correct approach without also undermining many of the things that make Britain so successful in financial services. But it can remove some of the in-built biases in the system towards the City's short-termist and monopolistic approach. The most obvious of these is the tax credit on dividends, the effect of which is significantly to favour indirect investment over direct and encourage companies to pay out their profit in dividends rather than re-invest it in their businesses. There are many other similar biases in the

fiscal and legal system. With Margaret Becken now installed as President of the Board of Trade, we can also expect a much tougher public interest stance on mergers and a competition policy which vigorously favours the interests of consumers and employees over those of the City and big business. In summary, the City would be wrong to assume that just because Labour has changed so much, nothing much will change

Tewspapers love a good scandal. This is as true of the restrained and arcane environment of the business pages as it is of any other part of the paper. A scandal lifts a business page as much as it does a front page. So as journalists we should perhaps be grateful to Andrew Regan and his when everything else outside election cam- to use for his assault on the Co-op. Jupiter,

paigning seemed to be grinding to a halt. Even for journalists, however, scandal is not without its dangers. With the reporting of a big scandal, there is a natural tendency

to let rip, for the usual disciplines to fall by the wayside in the heat of the chase. This is less true, perhaps, of City scandals than political ones, for those caught up in them are generally powerful organisations prepared to spend big money on protecting their good name. I'm not objecting to this, you under-stand, for there is nothing wrong with trying to stop over-zealous journalists getting carried away with themselves and writing what they want to believe is the truth rather

than what is actually true.

So it seemed reasonable enough for Jupiter International to employ a top firm of libel lawyers to fire us off a stiff letter warning that if we persisted in trying to drag their client's name through the mud, then they would take all necessary steps to protect Jupiter's position and reputation.

The problem is that in this case, we hadn't actually accused Jupiter of anything. What we had done is accurately report that SBC Warburg, advisers to the Co-op, had written to the stock exchange asking it to investigate dealings in Lanica Trust, Mr Regan's publicly quoted company. In particular, Warburg wants the Stock Exchange to look at dealings in Lanica shares by those who had invested crew for giving us something to write about 1 in Galileo, the vehicle Mr Regan had intended

with Schroders, Killik & Co and others, was one of those investors. Along with some of the others, it also bought shares in Lanica

It was entirely reasonable of SBC Warburg to question whether this could have amounted to insider dealing. Here's why. Lanica, the publicly quoted company, was essentially a shell operation when Mr Regan bought into it, with net assets of only £3m. Then, unbeknown to all but a few, it sets up Galileo, a subsidiary with paid up share capital of £9m. This in itself could be said to constitute inside information. Killik insists it did not know what the purpose of Galileo was when it put £2m of its client's money into the vehicle, but actually that may be irrelevant. Couldn't the mere setting up of this vehicle be described as price-sensitive information?

We don't yet know precisely when the Galileo investors bought into Lanica, or what the circumstances surrounding these purchases were. But it is certainly something that demands investigation. As does the assertion by Jupiter's lawyers in their letter to us that any allegation of insider dealing is unfounded "not least because all Jupiter's dealings in Lanica Trust shares have been private, off market deals, and therefore by definition cannot be insider trading". That was an exemption once upon a time, true enough, but it was swept away by the 1993 Criminal Justice Act in all but limited circumstances. Perhaps they might illuminate us further.

Murdoch loses US satellite chief

David Usborne New York

Rupert Murdoch was vowing vesterday to continue his quest to conquer satellite television in the United States in spite of the surprise resignation late on Thursday night of Preston Padden, the head of his US Sky Broadcasting business.

Mr Padden had been leading negotiations to seal a \$1bn (£620m) joint venture with EchoStar Communications, a small Denver-based satellite broadcaster. The deal, unveiled in February, was designed as Mr Murdoch's path to launching a fully fledged Sky service in North America.

Mr Padden's departure is another sign, however, that the EchoStar arrangement may be in terminal trouble. Earlier this week, the company revealed that it had missed a deadline for a filing to US federal regulators

The delay had already sparked speculation that Mr Murdoch's ews Corp and EchoStar were headed for divorce even before they had properly been spliced. The ostensible reason given for the hiccup was a disagreement over the kind of set-top decoder technology to be used

But yesterday Mr Murdoch said he was not discouraged by events. Asked if he might abandon his US satellite ambitions, he retorted: "No way. We're going ahead, either on our own or with EchoStar chairman Charlie Ergen] if he meets the terms of the contract."

Rumours have been flying that Mr Murdoch may already be seeking an alternative deal with Telecommunications Inc (TC1) and Time Warner, owners of the existing Primestar satellite service. Mr Murdoch is reported already to have met with Gerard Levin, Time Warner chief executive.

Warner is hard to envisage, however, in particular because Mr Levin's number two is Ted Turner. Messrs Turner and Murdoch had been hornslocked ever since the former was bought out by Time Warner, in particular over the refusal of Time Warner Cable to carry Mr Murdoch's fledgling Fox News Channel in New York City.

Mr Padden was said to have quit News Corp over the EchoStar deal and in particular because of personal disagreements with Mr Ergen. Mr Mur-doch meanwhile said he was surprised and saddened by his resignation. "We want to keep him. We think he is a terrific piece of manpower."

News Corp's putative deal with EchoStar had met with furious opposition from others in the broadcast business and even hostility on Capitol Hill. Already, Mr Murdoch had lost a battle to persuade lawmakers



IN BRIEF

SFA fines Fidelity £200,000

The Securities and Futures Authority has fined Fidelity Brokerage Services £200,000, but has agreed to lift restrictions that have prevented it from taking on new business. The restrictions were imposed on 31 October last year after FBS experienced difficulties with the conversion to a new computer system and an increased volume of business. These resulted in accounting and reconciliation problems and a large number of customer complaints. The SFA said it was now satisfied that FBS had adequate systems and controls. FBS said it lost about 500 customers as a result but declined to comment on reports that the financial cost was around £30m.

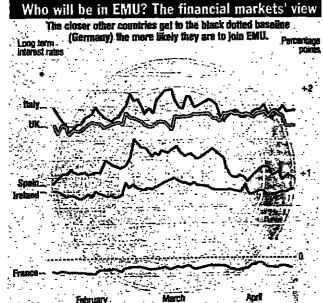
Ice-cream sales boost Unilever Q1 profits

Unilever, the consumer products giant, has reported a 7 per cent increase in first-quarter pre-tax profits, boosted by strong ice-cream sales in Europe and the UK launch of the cK be fragrance. The quarter also saw the launch of pyramid shaped PG tips teabags though this included heavy advertising costs. Pre-tax profits were £538m for the three months to end of March. There were £76m of exceptional items, mostly in the European foods business. Group sales were 5 per cent higher at £8hn. The company said the prog-ramme to sell the speciality chemicals business was "on schedule."

New Glaxo products allay patent fears

Analysts welcomed news that the drugs giant Glaxo Wellcome could have more than 20 new products under development by the end of this year. Glazo, which has launched an offensive to allay fears about its best-selling Zantac anti-ulcer drug losingpatent protection in July, said 10 new molecules had entered the development phase this year and it expected to more than double that in the full 12 months, James Niedel, R&D director, said they were "well on track" to their objective of bringing three medicines a year to market from the year 2000. Analysts said this meant drugs that could generate annual sales of at least £500m.

Landslide fails to shake EMU



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When will EMU start? The City Analysts' View.

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Magnus Grimond

Labour's landslide victory in the British general election was largely shrugged aside yesterday by our panel of City economists delving into the prospects for economic and monetary union. Most said expectations of a Labour government had been

factored in by the markets.
Julian Jessop of Nikko Europe
said: "My gut feel is it doesn't
matter because whoever won there would have to be a referendum on the project and the British public is still against it."

Gwyn Hacche of James Capel said Labour's big majority prob-ably increased the chances of the UK going in, possibly not in the first wave but immediately after. That should make gilts attractive against other government bonds, he suggested.

The travails of the suddenly weaker punt, which forced the Irish to raise their interest rates this week, were also largely discounted by our City scrib-blers. The problems of the currency highlighted the divergent gling to meet the convergence criteria, while the devaluation of the currency took some of the pressure of the weak lira. But the economists suggested that the fate of the punt was largely peripheral to the main event.

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By general agreement, a the eventual outcome was the French election. While the enthusiasm of the French social-

ists for EMU matches that of the governing RPR coalition, like their social democratic counterparts in Germany, they are happier to accept a looser interpretation of the converence criteria .

If this more liberal view prevailed, it would allow in more countries, which, according to Philip Chitty of ABN Amro Hoare Govett, would suit Lionel Jospin, leader of the socialists, as it would dilute the influence of the Germans. However, Allison Cottrell of Paine Webber, says Chancellor Kohl would be unable to accept the conditions attached to membership.

threatening the whole project. By contrast the Gaullists are much nearer the Germans, being keener on a stricter interpretation of the criteria and a narrower inner core of initial members of the single currency.

How the balance of power be-

tween these two views works out

once the votes are cast will clearly guide France's view of EMU as it goes into next year. The optimists are in the ascendant, believing that the ruling coalition will be returned again. In mid-May the Germans will publish their latest tax revenue figures, which will give clues as to how well the country is meeting the 3 per cent budget deficit target. On the May 25 comes the first round more important influence on . of French election. Any signs of the socialists doing well are likely to be taken as a bad omen for EMU by the markets.

How many extra orders will you take with BT's new Freefone offer?

Saatchi names chief executive

marketing company that is poised to split into three, yesterday appointed Kevin Roberts as chief executive of its Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide agency.

Mr Roberts, who will assume the role on 21 May, was chief operating officer of Lion Nathan, a New Zealand brewer, from 1989 until last November. Previously, he held management positions at Pepsi-Co. Procter & Gamble and

He replaces Ed Wax, chairman and chief executive, who was expected to retire from the latter role this year. Mr Wax will remain chairman until the end of 1997

Cordiant, the advertising and and then will stay with the agency as chairman emeritus.

Mr Roberts "has the blessings of Procter & Gamble, and whatever pleases them is good for Saatchi & Saatchi, "said Lorna Tilbian, an analyst with Panmure Gordon, Procter & Gamble, the world's biggest spender on advertising, is one of Saatchi's top clients.

Cordiant is planning to split into two publicly traded com-panies, Saatchi & Saatchi and Bates Worldwide, in an attempt to boost sales and profit. Shares in the companies, which will jointly own media-buying unit Zenith Media, will begin trading separately in December.

As chief executive of the

will report to Cordiant's chief executive Bob Seelert.

Mr Seelert said that Mr Roberts' career "has exposed him to the key disciplines essential to our business: marketing and brand management for major multinationals, a hands-on experience of what good advertising can deliver and, above all, an entrepreneurial and energetic attitude to

Mr Roberts left Lion Nathan in November but remained a non-executive director at the company until February. While at Pepsi, he oversaw the company's Middle Eastern and Ca-

Saatchi agency, Mr Roberts Procter & Gamble, he was responsible for the Pampers, Tide, Ariel and Crest brands in the Middle East and Africa. He also owns a restaurant in Auckland and is a director of New Zealand Rugby Football Union.

However, he was not first choice to replace Mr Wax. The former heir apparent was John Fitzgerald, who quit as president of Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide in August after he and Mr Wax concluded they had "differing views" on the agency's management.

One analyst said yesterday that another possible candidate for the job had been Jennifer Laing, the former head of nadian operations. And at the agency's London office.

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Sids miss out on the celebrations as Footsie rises

Shares greeted five years of intentions started to circulate Labour rule with a confident there was a temptation to dash to a new high. An early defensive markdown was soon outmanoeuvred and although below its best Footsie ended at 4,455.6, up 10.6.

But the nation's army of Sids missed the celebration. The sheer size of the Labour majority prompted fears the new Government may be tempted to take a much tougher line with the privatised groups than

indicated. The stock market had been inclined to dismiss the windfall tax, generally seen as raising not much more than £5bn. But some private investors fear a much bigger imposition: there are also worries the regulatory and environmental climate will

worsen. The relaxed approach before the election had been good for utilities, pushing some to new

snatch profits. Railtrack led the retreat with a 5.4 per cent fall to 436.5p. National Power dimmed 20p to 512.5p and PowerGen 23p to 630.5p. Others hit included Thames Water, off 11.5p to 668p, and Hyder, the Welsh electricity and water combine, 31.5p to

31.5p.
The windfall pinch also trapped British Airways, 10.5p to 687.5p, and FirstBus, off 7p at 196.5p.

Although Labour's victory strengthened blue chips it sent ripples of unease through the foreign exchange market with the pound wobbling.
A slightly weaker pound eased the pressure on in-

ternational groups and ex-porters, allowing such Footsie constituents as British Steel



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

At one time Footsie was up 23.4 points. A hesitant New York, despite a slight easing of higher interest rate fears, prompted some of the enthusiasm to fade. It was, however, a market of

two halves. Second and third liners failed to experience much joy with, for example, the FTSE 250 index suffering a fall. Better-than-expected first quarter figures lifted Unilever 29p to 1.654.5p and Renters, up

19.5p to 679p, again responded to the reception given to its 3,000 trading system.

Cookson, the industrial materials maker, produced a trading statement which con-

stock market reporter of the year

half-year profits would be in line with expectations and the second half-year should witness the resumption of profit growth; it was enough to lift the hares 10p to 221.5p.

Low & Bonar, the packaging group, fell 11p to 370p as Merrill Lynch lowered its

profit expectations by £3m to £54m; Bowthorpe, the electical equipment group, firmed to 356.5p with NatWest Securities suggesting the shares may be worth buying soon. The investment house has reduced this year's profit forecast by £4m to £80m.

Glazo Wellcome shaded to 1,193.5p following what was

research and development update to analysts. "It didn't tell us anything we didn't already know," said one.

Newcomer ITG, an Irish telephone supplies provider, made a firm début, reaching 164.5p. Petra Diamonds made further headway, reaching 57.5p from this week's 30p placing. The bonus warrants gained 3p to 30.5p.

Arion Properties, planning a reverse takeover, rose a fur-ther 4p to 29.5p and John Mansfield edged forward 0.5p to 6p. The small timber group in talks which could lead to "a substantial injection" in its capital. The shares were 3.5p at the start of the year.

Lambert Smith Hampton, the commercial property consultant reporting year's figures next week, rose 5.5p to 95.5p. The company arrived on the market last year through a reverse takeover of Herring Baker Harris. Interim profits

came out at £700,000 and with the recovery in the property market LSM should be able to

achieve year's profits of more than £2.5m. Utility Cable, the cable television layer which produced disappointing profits on Thursday and said the dividend was at risk, fell a further 0.75p to

11.5p, a new low. Corporate deal maker Luke Johnson has taken advantage of the slide to add to his shareholding. He has picked up 100,000 shares at 12.5p and 250,000 at 11p. The deals lift this stake to 4.6 per cent. He

is a non-executive director. On Ofex Energiser, making health foods, climbed 25p to an 800p peak. It has signed a number of overseas contracts for its PrevaCan concentrated nutritional bar. In this country it is using its own organisation. Last year it made a £298,000 loss. The shares arrived last

Property man Martin Myers is planning to link with Ex-Lands, the property group which has said it is negotiating a substantial acquisition and will recruit new directors. He has built a 7.1 per cent stake in the business, which is run by the Bourne brothers. Mr Myers, who has extensive property interests, was involved with Imry, sold by Barclays in March to the Dutch

Taking Stock

Rodamco property group for £249m. Ex-Lands held at

Plantations & General rose 2.5p to 68.5p as Nicholas Roditi, the £50m-s-year fund manag lifted his interest to 29.9 per cent. For three months his Rovida International was deep in takeover talks with P&G. But it walked away this week, because it could not get agreement for a cash offer.

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TODAY'S TELEVISION

Gerard Gilbert recommends Sleaze, Wives and Videotape Sun 6.30pm C5

one starring Kate O'Mara and set aboard a North Sea ferry - got it all wrong. Triangle should never have been a soap in the first place. Ferry Tales (Sun C5), a new documentary series about life on board the Brittany Ferries fleet, proves what any regular ferry passenger would have told them. The material is pure comedy.

One could start with the on-board entertainment, where eager ingenues rub shoulders with the white-haired and defeated. "Here I am, still at the bottom, working the ferries," says Saxon (or was it Saxo or Sugsie? I couldn't quite make it out despite several rewinds), as he prepares to run his magic act past a scattering of bleary-eyed toddlers and their minders. Meanwhile, another youngster has left part of his scalp on the playroom ceiling, and, below decks, an engine has to be shut

he makers of that definitively awful soap Triangle - the down. Add drunks (the bar apparently takes £20,000 on a good crossing), stroppy truckers and an air-sea rescue practice, and suddenly MV Normandie's six-hour crossing from Portsmouth to Caen looks like rich territory for a Ben Elton or an Andy Hamilton.

From the potentially ridiculous to the sublimely awful, this year's Eurovision Song Contest (Sat BBC1) apparently contains the United Kingdom's best chance of winning since Buck's Fizz in 1981 (remember the skirt-ripping finale?). Hitherto one-hit wonders Katrina and the Waves ("Walking on Sunshine") represent us with a song originally written to celebrate the Samaritans' 30th birthday. The charity apparently turned it down for being too up-tempo. Let's hope the Bosnians and Estonians like it, although Eurovision usually confirms one in the suspicion that no one really likes the British.

Dr John Collee used to write an entertaining medical column for the Observer, which suggests he might have penned an amusing swipe at the excesses of the organ transplant industry rather than the silly drama The Heart Surgeon (Sun BBC1). This is another of those screenplays in which successful middle-aged professionals embark on passionate rollercoaster romances with pretty young women - and which seem to give commissioning editors such vicarious pleasure.

David Niven-soundalike Nigel Havers – acting's equivalent of a Holiday Inn: you know exactly what you are going to get and he never fails to disappoint - plays the eponymous cardiac mechanic, a dapper smoothie with the aspirational lifestyle of a shaving-foam advert (designer pad in London: weekends on his Shropshire hill farm where he spends evenings in front of a log fire, playing guitar with his head shepherd. As you

do. Havers then beds the shepherd's wife, the shepherd gets angina and... oh please, don't make me go on.

Wanted returns (Sun C4) - without Richard Littlejohn and the former KGB operator Oleg Gordievsky, and with ex-MTV presenter Ray Cokes (I don't know, ask a teenager). Having failed to enlist sufficient support from the British public to snitch on the runners last time, Charmel 4 has introduced naked market forces. A positive sighting which leads directly to a "capture" will win viewers £1,000. "Can runners trust their friends and family this time?" asks the PI blurb. Nasty - but probably not as nasty as life down in Tatton during the past six weeks. Sleaze, Wives and Videotapes (Sun C5) brings us the inside story on the battle for the Cheshire constituency between Neil Hamilton and white-suited former BBC reporter, Martin Bell. With "straight" material like this, who needs satire?

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7.00 Harry and the Hendersons (R)(S)(T) (9015932). 7.25 News, Weather (2370512). 7.30 Children's BBC: Felix the Cat. 7.45 Babar. 8.10 Albert the 5th Musketeer. 8.35 The Flintstones 9.00 Phantom 2040. 9.20 The Incredible Hulk. 9.45 Grange Hill.

10.15 Sweet Valley High. 10.40 The O Zone. Gary Barlow discusses his solo career, by way of plugging his new single (S) (4084357).

11.00 Enchanted Tales (R)(S) (4281845).

11.50 The Rink Panther Show

(6149767).12.12 Weather (8684661). 12.15 Grandstand, 1.00 News (85022390). 1.05 Racing from Haydock: the 1.10 race (62063725). 1.20 World Championship Snooker. Coverage of the semi-finals from Sheffield (28176690). 1.35 Racing from Haydock: the 1.40 race (86006951). 1.50 Rugby League: a look ahead to this afternoon's Challenge Cup final between St Helens and Bradford Bulls (86094116). 2.05 Racing from Haydock: the 2.10 race (93145715), 2.20 Rugby League: Live coverage from Wembley of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final between St Helens and Bradford Buils. With commentary from Ray French (22602574). 4.40 Final Score

(1726048). 5.15 News, Weather (T) (4831970). 5.25 Local News, Weather (5268425). 5.35 Match of the Day. Manchester United v Leicester City is the main event (S)(T) (201680). 6.10 The New Adventures of Superman

(S)(T) (811116). 6.55 Whatever You Want. Gaby'll fix it (S)(T) (638970). 7.45 The National Lottery Live.

Comeback kids ABC perform their new single (S)(T) (342845).
8.00 The Eurovision Song Contest 97. Boyzone's Ronan Keating and RTE's Carrie Crowley introduce the 25 contenders from Dublin. See Preview, above (S)(T) (542319). 11.00 News, Weather (T) (7067).

11.30 Match of the Day. Highlights of Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal v Newcastle (S) (868067). 12.20 They Think It's All Over. Stephen Fry

guests (R)(S)(T) (2956433). 12.50 Top of the Pops. Robbie Williams, Shola Ama, Kenickie, D:Ream and Republica play live. Cathy Dennis presents (R)(\$)(T) (5038094). 1.25 Why Would I Lie? (Larry

Peerce 1980 US). Silly comedy wit lazy anti-feminist sentiments. Treat Williams plays a compulsive liar who inherits a fortune. Would you buy a pitch like that? (320452). 3.05 Weather (78714520). To 3.10am.

REGIONS, Scot: 5.35 Cartoon, 5.40 Sportscene - Match of the Day. 11.30 Sportscene – Match of the Day, 12.20 Shirity, 12.40 They Think It's All Over. 1.10 Top of the Pops. 1,45 Weather.

BBC2

6.20 Open University: The Three Estaits (8789319). 6.45 Elements Discovered (8265390). 7.10 The Birth of Modern Geometry (9037154). 7.35 Ways with World (5-2115). Words (8375116).

vorus (83/3110).

8.00 Open Saturday (S) (841932).

10.30 World Championship Snooker. First visit of the day to the Crucible in Sheffield (S) (63226425).

12.15 Film 97 with Barry Norman (R)(S)(T)

12.45 FIRM The 39 Steps (Alfred Hitchcock 1935 UK). John Buchan's potboiler turned into a memorable movie - one of Hitchcock's finest. In a plot later to be largely recycled in North by Northwest Robert Donat plays an innocent man accused of murder and finding himself handcuffed to Madeleine Carroll as they

in the general direction of Scotland. Godfrey Teale, Peggy Ashcroft and John Laurie co-star (T) (5032425). 2.10 Hitchcock on Hitchcock. In this 1962
Monitor interview with Huw Weldon, Alfred Hitchcock talks about himself, his career and the techniques that made

are chased by the police and a spy ring

him famous (R)(T) (93124222) 2.30 The Man Who Knew Too Much (Alfred Hitchcock 1956 US). Doris Day sings "Que Sera, Sera" and the Technicolor is gorgeous, but Hitchcock's American remake of his 1934 British thriller is largely disappointing stodge. Directors are never very successful at repeating their old films. James Stewart is the man who leams too much about assassination attempt (14897970). 4,25 The Saint. The Loch Ness monster is

under suspicion following a spate of hideous murders. Oh yes (2384154).

5.15 World Championship Snooker. David Vine introduces continued coverage from Sheffield (SJ (653086). 6.15 Nation Goes to the Polls. An intimate

record of what really happened on election day, from the views of 50 very different people (S) (667222).
7.05 News, Sport, Weather (T) (209406).
7.20 Newshight Special, Jeremy Paxman looks back at the election (S) (781796).
8.05 World Championship Spocker

8.05 World Championship Snooker Continued coverage (S) (579574). 9.00 Yes Minister. A post-election episode of the excellent 1980s siftcom, featuring a

leadership election and a Euro-sausage scandal (R) (2226).

10.00 World Championship Snooker. Return to the Crucible (S) (105680). 10.40 Close Up on Hitchcock. Sean Connery recalls working with Afred Hitchcock on Marnie (S) (817203).

10.50 INST Marnie (Alfred Hitchcock 1964

US). Opinions are wildly varied on Hitchcock's stab at Freudian melodrama, but no one can doubt the extraordinary performance he brought out of Tippi Hedren, the actress he d and lusted after (this and The Birds were her only two films of any note). Hedren plays the frigid kleptomaniac of the title, while an outof-sorts-looking Sean Connery plays the wealthy publisher attempting to cure her on both counts (T) (31372241).

12.55 Later with Jools Holland. With ZZ Top,

the Bluetones, Stereolab, Nigel Kennedy and Altan. Plus a rare appearances from Bo Diddley and Scottish folk-blues guitarist, Bert Jansch (R)(S) (5404655). To 2.10am.

ITV/Carlton

6.00 GMTV: 6.00 News. 6.10 Professor Bubble. 6.30 Bananas in Pyjamas. 6.50 Our House, 7.10 The Wuzzles, 7.40 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Room, 8.55 Power Rangers Zeo

9.25 Mashed, Live Saturday morning 9.25 Mashed, Live Saturday morning entertainment (S) (71249135).
11.30 The Chart Show (S) (76680).
12.30 The Making of "Liar Liar" (58116).
1.00 News, Weather (T) (85057086).
1.05 London Weekend Today (85056357).
1.10 Cartoon Time (10071226).
1.25 Almost (9) (2818086)

1.25 Airwolf (R) (2818086). 2.20 SeaQuest DSV (S)(T) (7624574). 3.15 Guzi Carry On Sergeant (Gerald Thomas 1958 UK). The very first Carry On - and it's hard to spot any of the ingredients which would go on to make up the most successful cornedy series in British cinema. William Hartnell is the sergeant hoping to create a formidable platoon from inept national servicemen Bob Monkhouse, Eric Barker and Sid James (967951).

4.45 News, Sport, Weather (7) (1107661).

Channel 4

6.45 Miraculous Mellops (R) (8290086). 7.10 The Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog (R) (9022222).

7.35 Creepy Crawlers (S)(T) (8393512). 8.00 Transworld Sport (53406). 9.00 Morning Line (S) (20593). 10.00 Gazzetta Football Italia (38339). 11.00 NBA 24/7 (S) (85845). 12,00 Rawhide (68593).

1.00 Next To No Time (Henry Comelius 1958 UK). Cornedy reuniting Kenneth More with Genevieve director Cornelius More plays a brilliant scientist attempting to persuade industrialist Roland Culver to invest in his new project during a crossing to New York on the QE2 (67448932).

2.40 Channel 4 Racing. Brough Scott introduces a four-race card from Newmarket: the 3.00, 3.40, 4.15 and 4.50 races (S) (75455715). 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (S)(T) (7214593).

6.30 Right to Reply (\$)(1) (19). 7.00 A Week in Politics (\$) (9390)



'At Close Range' 11pm C5 In the firing line: Sean Penn has to face terrible truths about his father

5.05 London Weekend Tonight (8579796). 5.20 Cartoon Time (5254222). 5.20 Cartoon Time (5254222). 5.30 New Baywatch (S)(T) (404680). 6.20 Barrymore (S)(T) (301154). 7.15 Stars in Their Eyes. Otis Redding,

Debbie Harry and country singer Garth Brooks are impersonated (S) (788609). 8.00 A Touch of Frost. Rerun yarn for David

Jason's gruff, old-style copper. A man with Down's syndrome is suspected of murder (R)(S)(T) (1512). 10.00 News, Weather, Lottery Result (7) (428845).

10.15 The Running Man (Paul Michael Glaser 1987 US). Futuristic mayhem, adapted from a Stephen King novel, set in a time when convicted criminals are offered liberty in return for taking part in a gladiatorial-type television game show. Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a wrongly

come on down (S)(T) (746777). 12.00 Donor (Larry Shaw 1990 US). Melissa Gilbert-Brinkman suspects a hospital of illegal body-parts surgery in this small-screen Coma rip-off (905471).

1.45 Club Nation (R)(S)(T) (142988).

2.45 Dating the Enemy (R)(S) (166568).

3.45 IIM Della (Robert Gist 1965 US). Joan Crawford keeps her daughter prisoner in a mansion (6368100).
4.50 Night Shift (64997810). To 5.00am.

8.00 TIM The Enemy Below (Dick Powel) 1957 US). Former crooner and film noir leading man Dick Powell helmed this exciting movie capturing the cat-andmouse war games between a German U-boat and a US destroyer, Curt Jurgens and Robert Mitchum are the respective captains (T) (49283222).

9.45 Bremner, Bird and Fortune: Three Men and a Vote. Rory Bremner, John Bird

and John Fortune look back at the election campaign and forward to the new government (972488). 10.35 Homicide: Life on the Street (648970). 11.35 Hill Street Blues (R) (874628). 12.30 Trust Me (Bobby Houston 1989 US). Adam Ant plays a desperate gallery owner who decides to promote a painter

and then kill him - thus cashing in on the dead man's fame (781988). 2.25 Baadasss TV. Guests are Mark Morrison and Pam Grier (R)(S) (7648075).

profiled (65655). 4.00 The Real World (S) (93907). 4.30 One for the Road (R) (72225988). 4.55 Let the Blood Run Free (72228075). 5.25 Strange Bird (5020655). To 5.40am. 5.40 NBA 24/7 (R)(S) (2431181).

3.00 Rock of the North. Robert Palmer

Channel 5

6.00 Dappledown Farm (2815932). 6.30 Attractions (R)(S) (7410241). 7.00 5 News Early (S) (5965628). 7.30 Havakazoo: Wimzie's House (5944135).

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8.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (8894357).

8.30 Land of the Lost (8893628).

9.00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (7) (2714135).

10.50 Mag Upfront: Anything's Possible. Young actors re-enact childhood traumas and embarrassing moments suffered by celebrities. With Katie Puckrick (S) (88227864).

11.00 Turnstyle, Gail McKenna and Dominik Diamond report on the weekend's top sporting clashes (S) (59345067). 12.50 5 News (S) (15658048).

1.00 The Mag. Josie D'Arby introduces the afternoon entertainment slot for young people, featuring news, reviews, gossi ashion and comedy (S) (4964390). 2.00 USA High. Teenage sitcom about the

students of an American school in Paris. Christian gets a "D" on his American History exam (S) (38293845).

2.20 The Mag (Continued). (S) (6797661). 3.15 Sunset Beach Omnibus (18252796). 6.00 5 News and Sport (S) (1111154). 6.05 Hercules: the Legendary Journeys. Our strapping demi-god attends the wedding of his friend Penelope, only for Nemis the Centaur to crash the party and kidnap the bride (3899951).

6.55 Night Fever. Karaoke entertainment show in which male celebrities take on their female counterparts in a battle of musical knowledge, singing and dancing (S) (6296222).

7.50 5 News and Sport (S) (3452932). 8.10 JAG. Adventure series about a Navy lawyer who travels around the world investigating military cases. A soldier guarding the American embassy in Lima is accused of shooting an innocent teenager playing on the embassy wall. The soldier claims he fired in self-defence (7539932).

9.00 Halifax FP. Drama series about Australian forensic psychiatrist Jane Halifax, A serial killer with a macabre line in makeovers is striking fear into the hearts of women (S)(T) (1461357). 11.00 TIM At Close Range (James Foley

1985 US). Sean Penn discovers his estranged father, Christopher Walken, a backwoods outlaw. At first impressed Penn comes to realise papa is a murderer and rapist and decides to blow the whistle (46646816).

1.15 First Prime Target (Robert Collins

1989 US). Made-for-TV thriller in which homicide detective Angle Dickinson is assigned to investigate the killings of policewomen and begins to suspect that the serial killer might be a policeman (9745365).

2.50 TIM Deadman's Curve (Richard Compton 1972 US). Dramatisation of the rise to stardom of 1960s singing duo Jan and Dean, who immortalised California's surfing sound. Their career came to a sudden halt when Jan was crippled in a car accident (6622891). 4.30 The Road. The country and western music scene (S) (87094617).

4.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (4468433). 5.30 Whittle (R)(S)(2716617). To 6.00am.

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ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Games and Videos (58116). 1.05 Anglia News and Weather (85056357). 1.10 Airwolf (7810241). 2.10 Film: The Reluctant Agent (611154). 3.45 seaquest DSV (489338). 5.05 Anglia News, Sport and Weather (8579796). 12.00 Film: Swing Shift (805636). 1.50 Film: Hot Pursuit (396655). 3.30 Helter Skalter (2942365). 4.20 Sound Bres (63774297). 4.30 - 5.30am Shift (80452).

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1.05 Central News and Weather (85056357). 1.10

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MODEL WILLIAM 6.55am Weather; News Headlines. 7.00 Record Review. 9.00 Building a Library. 10.15 Record Release.

11.15 Reissues. 12.00 Private Passions, Michael Berkeley's guest is the choreographer Slobhan Davies.
1.00 News: Vintage Years, Lyndon Jerkins explores British conduc-

recorded legacy.
3.00 BBC Festival of Brass. The third of sox concerts features the BNFL Band, conductor Richard Evans. John Reeman: Prelude (first UK broadcast). Balay, arr Wnght: Diadem of Gold, Mc-Cabe: Images. Fletcher: An Epic

Symphony. 4.00 London International String Quartet Competition. Beethoven's String Quartet in F minor. Op 95 is played by the Belosa Quartet, who won third prize, and his String Quartet in F. Op 135 by the Castagneri Quartet from France, who were

the runners-up 5.00 Jazz Record Requests. 5.45 Music Matters. Ivan Hewett Dreviews a television senes about conductor Mark Wig-glesworth and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales 6.30 Mitridate, re di Ponto. Mozart's first operatic success composed when he was 14 years old, follows the traditional heroic deeds and long set-piece arias. This performance was recorded at the 1997 Mozart

Choice



Will the curse of the **Eurovision Song Contest** (8pm, R2) be visited on the Irish again? Each time they win it, they have to stage the contest the following year, at potentially ruinous expense. In the past five years, they've triumphed four times (and the year they didn't, an Irish woman won for Norway). Ken Bruce (left) commentates

Week in Salzburg in January Sung in Italian, Bruce Ford, tenor (Mitridate), Christiane Oelze, soprano (Sifare), Vessi Oelze, soprano (Sifate), Vesselina Kasarova, mezzo (Famace),
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in the Mill at veget the Lamp-concert is presented by Camp-bell Burnap, who talks to Fergu-son during the Interval. 1.00-7.00am Through the Night. Radio 4 6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

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9.05 Sport on 4.
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politics around the country. 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 Money Box. 12.25 The News Quiz. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? Baroness Jay, John Redwood, Anthony Howard and Lord Holme of Cheltenham tackle the Issues

raised in Horley, Surrey.

1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Any Answers?
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Joby. A dramatisation of Stan Barstow's classic novel. Summer 1959, and the harsh realities of adult life are brought painfully home to 11-year-old Joby in this moving rites-of-passage story.

Dramatised for radio by Diana
Griffiths. With Oliver Pearce. 4.00 News; Cabbages and Kings. 4.30 Science Now.

5.00 PM. 5.40 You Probably Think This Song is about You. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 Stx O'Clock News. 6.25 Week Ending. 6.50 Offspring. 7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. As the

third anniversary of Nelson Mandela's election as president of South Africa approaches, Amanda Hopkinson talks to the photojournalists whose work, protojournaists whose work, from the Fifties to the present day, has provided the classic images by which the world has known and judged South Africa. 7.50 on These Days. 8.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes.

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Star-ring Clive Memison as Holmes and Michael Williams as Dr 9.35 Classics with Kay. 9.50 Ten to Ten. This week, International author and preacher Jim Wallis on living with hope.

9.59 Weather.

10.00 News.

10.15 Late Night Theabre. Pen
Pals. By Pater Tinniswood. With
Jane Lapotaire as Fay, and
Lorelei King as Beth. Fay and
Beth have been pen pals since
they were 11. Fay describes her
respectable life with her dentist
husband and three children in
stratel, and Beth writes about
her lovers and her loneliness as her lovers and her loneliness as

she freewheels between Sar Francisco and Florida. They have never met. Then, at last, Beth announces she is arriving at Gatwick and this time will not be put off. (R) 11.15 Insh Icons. (R) 11.30 Stanza on Stage. Simon Armitage introduces a perfor-

mance by the American poet Sharon Olds, recorded at last year's Poetry International festi-val in London. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Book: High Fidelity, By Nick Homby, read by Alan Davies, Final part. 12.48 Shipping Forecast.
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7.00pm Superboy (3676222). 7.30 Superboy (3463864). 8.00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (7695222). 9.00 Pacific Drive (7615086). 10.00 Tales from the Crypt (2707319). 10.30 Tales from the Crypt (2716067). 11.00 Duckman (28574). 12.00-6.00am Hit Mix Long Play (4612810).

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6.00pm The Ghost Breakers* (2302116). 8.00 The Organization (2307661). 10.00 Personal Services (8271609). 11.50 The Lair of the White Worm (8671777). 1.25 Spenser: For Hire (5642549). 3.05 The Maltese Falcon* (5168013). 4.50-5.55am The Dancing Mas-ters* (98019655).

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00am The Rugby Club (97628).
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8.00 Boxing (10947). 8.30 Racing (60488). 9.00 End Zone (43721).
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SKY SPORTS 3 12.00noon Superbike (32031680). 2.30 Cricket: West Indies v India (27172661). 10.30-12.00midnight Golf: Houston Open (41493048).

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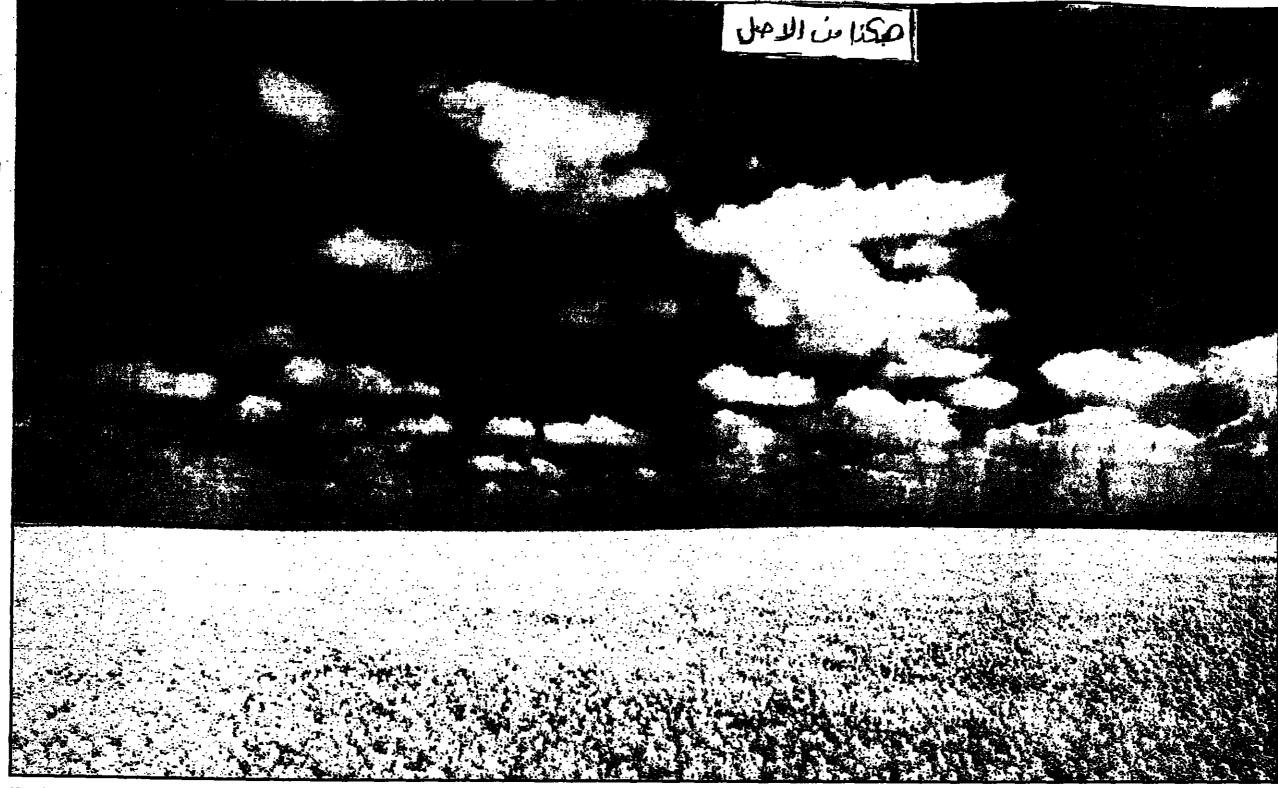


IMAGE OF

The country has been swept with a tide of red, but as summer approaches, the countryside is increasingly yellow. This field of rape in Suffolk is typical of the splashy primary colour that now covers acres of our rural landscape. Photograph by Brian Harris with 18mm lens at 125th of a second at f2 on 160 ASA film. To order a print of this picture, at a cost of £14, please telephone 0171-293 2534

thelongweekend THE INDEPENDENT - SATURDAY 3 MAY 1997

8 November 1996

It has been agreed that in January we will go out to the Costa Blanca for six weeks to follow the chaplains and their wives: the mediaphobic and thoughtful couple from Norwich called John and Barbara Ledward - Bowzer [researcher Graeme Bowman] has already dubbed them "the church mice" - and Nottingham's very own John and Wendy Wooldridge, a cheery twosome who like to refer to themselves as Friar Tuck and Maid Marion. But they don't live in a tree.

Friday 24 January 1997

Harry Bagnall is one of the most pleasant individuals I've met. He has a sense of humour which I'd before thought uncharacteristic for a member of the clergy, but this easy-going man-ner disappears in situations where it would be inappropriate. Today we go with him to the hospital to visit tourists who have fallen ill on holiday and he entertains two old Scots guys with his jokey Jock accent. Then he is holding the hand of a woman too ill to lift her head from the pillow. No jokes, just a gentle bedside manner. The woman thanks him and says that she's not religious, Harry says, "I don't think God's religious."

Saturday 25 January

e's twisted

We go round to visit Harry and Iris and he tells us we should have been with him this morning, as he had been at El Crematorio with a bloke whose wife had died. John can see disappointment on my face. He asks what's wrong. As gently as possible, I try to explain how we

would like to record incidents like this for the film - with the full permission of the people involved. Harry rightly says that contacting us is not a priority in these situations. Eventually we sort things out, although I leave feeling as though I've simply confirmed his suspicions that we are little more than ambulance-chasers.

Sunday 26 January John Ledward lets us film his Sunday service and we witness a transformation. The gentle, quiet

WORDS OF THE WEEK

I've confirmed his suspicions that we are little more than ambulance-chasers'

TV director Brian Kelly kept a diary when he spent six weeks with three chaplains (including the Ledwards, right) in Benidorm.

naif is gone and his place has been taken by a close relative of Elmer Gantry.

Wednesday 5 February

Tonight we go to the fellowship meeting chez Bagnall where Harry leads the proceedings with a convincing and gentle honesty that we haven't seen before. Many of the questions we have asked him in the past have been met with vague answers, but tonight he carefully explains to the meeting what Christian faith means to him. Afterwards we repair to a bar to witness the

magic that is Vicky Leyton. 'Sticky' Vicky is a Benidorm legend and she performs conjuring tricks that Siegfried and Roy couldn't even think about. She produces flowers, streamers, sausages, eggs, razor blades and an illuminated light-bulb before a stunned audience. Stunned, because she performs completely naked and, apart from her arse, there's only one place from which she can produce such props with a flourish.

As Colin in the office said when he heard

about her act, she's not so much a conjuror, more a vagician.

Friday 7 February

For in-depth rea-

soned argument and

We're at the hospital with the Ledwards and we visit a man who we had a cheery chat with a couple of days ago but who has since been told he has to have brain surgery. He is punctured by this news and John and Barbara pray with him. I'm shaken by the whole thing. John L has been approached by an expat woman whose son killed nself while visiting her. She wants John to take his cremation tomorrow, so I call the mother's friend to ask if she'll consider letting us film the service. Not surprisingly she says no, and I can't hide my frustration. I can't stop thinking about the woman's loss in terms of what it would mean for the programme. Tabloid recklessness replaces sensitivity.

Friday 14 February While in the hospital we find out that the man

who thought he had to undergo a brain op last

was in fact discharged later that day with a clean bill of health. Perhaps "you can go home today" and "you require life-threatening cranial investigative surgery" sound similar in Spanish.

Tuesday 18 February

Finally we witness what I've been quietly dreading for the past four weeks: a chaplain comforting a bereaved holiday-maker. A Welsh woman lost her husband and tonight John and Wendy go to see her in her hotel room, where she pours her heart out to them for more than half-an-hour. Much of the time she is reminiscing about their 49-year marriage and chatting about her husband as if he were downstairs in the bar. Grief manifests itself in different ways, but I'm surprised at how little effect it has on me. Instead of guilty feelings of exploitation, I'm left wondering what we'll do for tea.

Saturday 22 February

We have been asked to find a holiday-maker whose mental condition has raised fears within her local social workers who reckon she would benefit from a spot of one-on-one chaplain action. The social workers have told us three things: her name; the fact that she sports a pink windcheater; and that she has a friend who is staying in a Thomson's hotel, who also wears a pink windcheater but who is sadly nameless.

We ask the reps at the hotel whether this brings anyone to mind, but surprisingly, middleaged women in pink windcheaters aren't exactly thin on the ground in Benidorm at this time of year. We explain the situation to John and Wendy, hoping that their contact with tourists might reveal the whereabouts of our mystery woman. John's reaction doesn't fill me with hope. As he cogitates the facts, I am left with a dreadful feeling that he will turn our request into an episode of Father Dowling Investigates.

Costa del Soul, Everyman, BBC1 10.3

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Today in New York, the world chess champion faces a new challenge from the most powerful chess computer. William Hartston assesses the prospects

n 1770, at the court of Maria Theresa of Austria, Baron Otto von Kempelen caused a sensation by demonstrating the world's chess-playing automaton. "The Turk" was a man-sized turbanned figure seated at a chess table. When a human opponent sat at the other side of the board, it would reply to his moves with a cranking of joints as its hand moved to a piece, picked it up, and deposited it on the chosen square. And it won the vast majority of its

Doubters, naturally enough, suspected that a strong human player was hiding in its innards, but von Kempelen delighted in opening a variety of doors to the cabinets beneath the board to reveal a fine collection of cogs and levers, but no sign of any person operating them.

It was, of course, all an illusion. There was a man inside, but his location changed as doors opened and closed, thanks to an ingenious system of sliding platforms and pulleys. Whichever door you opened, he was never there.

courts of Europe - there is even one tale of its sweeping the pieces from the board in disgust when the Emperor Napoleon tried to test it by making a series of illegal moves - The Turk lost its novelty value and went into retirement. However, when von Kempelen died. the machine was sold to Johann Macizel, inventor of the metronome, who added music to its charms and launched it on a highly

acclaimed tour of America. The Turk epitomised our fasci-



Go for its plug, Garry!

nation with the idea of an intellectual struggle between men and machines. However, for a machine to play respectable chess without having a man hidden inside it we had to wait for the development of electronic computers. Since the earliest days of the

computer, the game of chess, with its high premium on accurate calculation, has played an important part. The early development of artificial intelligence was haunted by this thought: if computers can't even beat humans at chess, what hope do they have for making really complex decisions? Chess was the touchstone by which machine intelligence would be measured.

In 1864, Charles Babbage had speculated about the possibilities pioneer of cybernetics, discussed the idea of a chess-playing computer: in 1950, Claude Shannon proposed a theoretical strategy for such a machine; in 1951, Alan Turing wrote out a chess algorithm that could be calculated by hand. Finally, around 1960, a machine first defeated its programmer.

All the same, the top human players could afford to be scornful of computer chess for another 30 years. While the artificial intelligentsia repeatedly predicted that



Garry Kasparov hoping to hold back the tides of silicon

attaining professional standards. They became very good at avoiding tactical errors (which decide the vast majority of amateur games), but concepts of deep strategy continued to clude them. With increased processing speed, how-

ever, that began to change. Chess is a game at which humans ought, by most rational criteria, to be rather bad. With up to 32 pieces scattered over 64 squares, a typical position con-

of his "analytical engine" playing a machine would be world cham- tains too much information for us rolled past without computers repeatedly shown that our brains knowledge incorporated into its can only juggle about seven pieces of information at any one time Yet we cope very well at chess by using our highest skills of pattern recognition and concept formation to turn chess into strength of computers has a game of high-level judgement rather than pure calculation. The question for computers is how much calculation is necessary to render such judgement and strat-

egy redundant. Last year, we came close to an

asnwer. Computers will never be able to analyse all the possibilities in a chess game - there are more possibilities for the first 25 moves than there are atoms in the uni-verse - but when Deep Blue, the IBM supercomputer, started thinking at the rate of two million chess positions every second, it proved it could give humanity a fair run for its money. Indeed, in the first game of its challenge match in 1996 against Garry Kas-parov, the strongest human player, Deep Blue registered an astonishing victory. In later games, however, Kasparov treated the beast with more respect and won the match by three wins to one with

Today, the return match starts. Deeper Blue thinks twice as fast as last year's model and, we are told, has considerably more chess program. Kasparov is still a clear favourite, but he is almost alone among top players in believing that the tide of silicon can be checked for much longer. The playing increased with their processing speed at a constant rate. And processing speed doubles every 18 months. At that rate, Kasparov has no more than a couple of years left before ceding his crown to a heap

two draws.

Games people play

Pandora Melly tries to create a good impression

Harold Brooks-Baker, 63, Publishing director, 'Burke's Peerage'

My favourite pastime is peoplewatching. What I try to do is figure out what different bloods people have, and what social background they come from. You used to be able to tell immediately a German from a Frenchman, or a Hungarian from a Finn, but it's much more difficult now because of the way the world is shrinking socially. Also because people wear the same boring clothes. There's very little originality in trainers and blue-jeans, whatever label you

put on them. What I like to do, after making various assumptions, is to try to find out who people actually are. I get only one chance in a thousand to do this, and it is much more difficult with women than men, because women are more chameleon-like. They imitate others, and have more things done to themselves, which is rather confusing. Also, if a woman marries above the social and economic position she was born into, you don't often spot it.

whereas if a man marries up, it isimmediately obvious in the whole

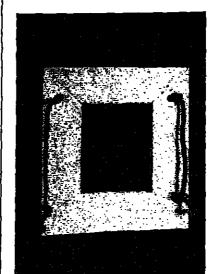
manner, the entire presentation.
I can usually guess what type of jobs people have. Some professions are very easy. For instance, barristers wear sombre clothes and a faraway expression; their hair is clipped shorter than is the trend today, and ball-point pens and things stick out of their pockets. Solicitors are the same,

but a bit tattier.

When I was young and worked in the White House, I used this knowledge to determine whether the person coming unto my humble entrance should be let into the offices of the important and famous politicans I was working for. I like to know who I'm dealing with, and nothing upsets me more than reading an obituary and not knowing who the grandparents were. To understand people, you need the proper

"Manwatching" by Desmond Morris is available at many good second-hand bookshops. Or you may look them up in 'Who's Who 1997' (A&C Black, £98)

Don't junk it ... use it From orange crate to bathroom mirror



This elegantly framed bathroom mirror was made out of an inelegantly unframed mirror (you can even use a broken one) and an orange crate. Here's how to do it.

Ingredients: one simple, unadorned mirror, one discarded wooden crate, a pair of pliers, a saw (or even a Stanley knife), an electric drill and a tube of glue. String is optional.

Stage One: Destruction. This is the most enjoyable part of the operation. Taking the pliers, you proceed to dismember the crate into its constituent parts. You will be left with a couple of squarish

pieces of wood (which formed the ends of the crate), a pile of slats (which went along the sides), several pieces of firewood and assorted mangled bits of metal and clips which held everything together.

Stage Two: Assembly.

Take one of the end-pieces of wood to form the back of the mirror. Lay the mirror on it and frame with a square formed by the slats to measure off the size of the finished object. Mark the edges of the frame and cut the backing square down to the right size. Glue the mirror centrally on to the backing wood. Cut and glue pieces of wood to fill in the gaps around the edges of the mirror. (This last stage is particularly useful if the whole operation is designed to make a small mirror out of a broken piece from a larger one.) To complete the basic mirror, cut the four sides of the frame (with neatly dove-tailed corners) from more slats of wood. These will cover any broken edges on the mirror to leave only a neat square visible underneath. Glue in place and clamp together or leave under a heavy book.

Stage Three: Decoration

By drilling holes through the wood (taking care to avoid any mirror lurking underneath), you may thread the object either with string or with the bits of metal salvaged from the original crate. Using the latter creates the impression of an object sewn together with wire by true artisans rather than glued by an amateur.

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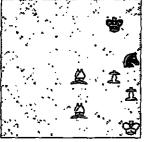
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The games page is edited by William Hartston

Chess William Hartston



Here is a position that illustrates the real problem facing Deep Blue, or any other computer hoping to beat the world champion. It's White to play. A good human player will think like

"Is there any reason I shouldn't take his knight? I know that a rook's pawn and wrong-coloured bishop can't win against a lone king, but what about two wrong bishops and two rook's pawns? (Pause for brief consideration to realise that the black king can never be dislodged from h8 by any number of white-squared bishops and h-pawns.) Well. I'd better

avoid that one then." Human therefore plays 1.Kh2 (or almost anything other than gxh5) and cautiously grinds out a victory. A computer, on the other hand, thinks like this: 1.gxh5 comes top of my

list of attractive moves. since it leaves me with an advantage close to +8. which improves on the present figure of +5. So unless my endgame database includes the resulting position as something to avoid, that'll be the move I play." The trouble is, as will be

found by testing any chess computer, that even if the case of two white-squared bishops and two h-pawns is in its database, then you need only add another pawn on h2, or another bishop on a8, for the witless machine to blunder into the

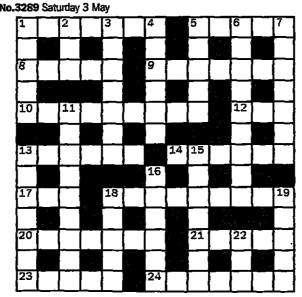
This position, of course, is a pathological freak, but the underlying problem is real: chess computers cannot generalise on the basis of past experience or existing knowledge. How do vou program a machine to realise on its own a thought like "any number of white-squared bishops makes no difference"?

With their "I-go-here, he-goes-there" analysis. computers cannot move above it all to reach a level of higher understanding. And that is why Garry Kasparov will probably defeat Deeper Blue in New York over the next week.

Sunspots revisited

Following last week's report on the correlation between sunspots and Tory election performance, we should like to mention that there was no sunspot activity whatsoever on I May. Solar activity thus predicted a Labour landslide.

concise crossword



ACROSS

More substantial (7) Correct (5) Go over main points

again (5) Synthetic fibre (7) 10 Type of fungus (9) Greek letter (3) 13 Metallic element (6)

14 City state, rival to Athens (6) Sailor (3)

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23 Endures (5) 24 Person of learning (7)

DOWN

Deserve (5) Part of circle (3) Deadlock (7) Cause (6) Country (5)

ers (9) Keyboard composition 11 Equipment (9) 13 Shrill whistle (7)

Plant with yellow flow

15 Egyptian ruler (7) 16 Historic records (6) 18 Sign of subtraction (5 22 Fuel (3)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword;

ACROSS: 1 Maine, 4 Tenants (Maintenance), 8 Clearer, 9 Visor, 10 Basic, 11 Eurnest, 13 Hang, 15 Easter, 17 Earthy, 20 Ends, 22 Tableau, 24 Sinew, 26 Wring, 27 Nairobi, 28 Layette, 29 Sling, DOWN: 1 Macabre, 2 Idears, 3 Earache, 4 Turcen, 5 Never, 6 Nascent, 7 Strut, 12 Aged, 14 Area, 16 Subsidy, 18 Assails, 19 Yawning, 21 Nuance, 22 Towel, 23 Eigh, 25 Nuomi

Bridge Alan Hiron

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"A good game is one that makes; a bad game is one that fails." slightly misquoting Bob Hamman (he was originally talking about slams). On those grounds, I suppose that you would judge 4 ? to be a bad contract. But would you have made it a good one?

South opened 1 . North bid 20, and followed with jump preference in spades when South hid hearts. South went on to game and West led A against . A look at dummy suggested nothing more attractive and he

Perplexity

Mixed doubles:

Interim tongs simper wintered internee collage.

The above sentence conceals three connected answers each of two words. To find them, all you have to do is to group the six given words into three pairs. then rearrange the letters within each pair. A prize of the new Chambers 21st Dictionary will be plodded on with clubs, declarer

ruffing the third round. There was an abundance of spare tricks. Surely the only conceivable danger (assuming that trumps behaved well) was that there might be an adverse ruff. So without much thought. South cashed A and led a second trump. You can see the outcome: West won with . K and led a fourth round of clubs. Now East scored the setting trick with his jack of trumps.

It was suspicious when East followed with \$2 at trick one. Surely he held three cards in the suit. Instead of releasing the A immediately, declarer does better to lead low towards the queen (after all, he needs to find West with **\Phi** k). West duly takes his king but now when a fourth round of clubs comes, South still has A and can over-ruft a possible ◆J or ◆10 from East.

And, if after doing so, West plays low on the next trump lead. South can consider finessing dummy's eight. No need, for the ten pops up, so it must have been a good game after all.

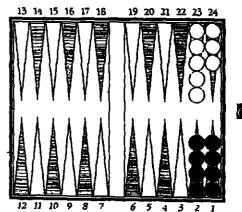
awarded to the sender of the first set of correct answers, when we open entries on 14 May. Answers

19 April answers: Spice Girls (prig slices) Rolling Stones (loon ringlets). Beach boys (haby chose). Winner: Ann Higginbottom

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Backgammon Chris Bray



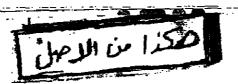
Back to basics this week with a look at simple bear-off problems. Assume for a moment that all the remaining men are on the respective one-points. Four men against four is always a double (or redouble) and a drop. Six against six is also a double and a drop - the doubled side wins 21.2 per cent of the time, not quite enough for a take.

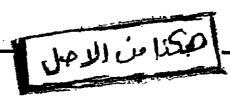
It becomes more interesting with eight men against eight. This position is a double (or redouble) and a take. (Not a wonderful take as the taking side will lose 0.92 points per game, but that's better than losing a full point by dropping the double. With ten ν ten it depends where the cube is. If it's in the centre you should double and your opponent should take. If you own the cube you should wait a roll until it is eight v eight which will happen most of the time. If your opponent throws a double you will still be in the game and get a chance to throw a double of your own as your opponent cannot double you out.

So the diagram position is eight v eight and must be. a take, right? Wrong! It is not a pure eight v eight. If White rolls 1-1 he will only be able to take off three men and therefore not save himself a roll. This tiny

difference makes the position a double and a drop. What if you have six men on your one-point and your opponent has two on each of his one, two and three-points? He doubles and you drop because its six v six. Wrong again! The chances that he will roll three successive ones and the fact that 1-1 and 2-2 do not save him a roll means that you have the thinnest of takes. In such borderline cases, attention to detail can win, or save, you a lot of money.

For the weather, traffic reports, the sky at night, and Damion Hurts the cartoon sage of artistic angst ... TURN TO PAGE







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John Walsh meets... Chris Rea

or a period, at the start of his career, Chris Rea was known as "Elton Joel". This humorous construction was invented by Rea's friends to reflect the fact that his record company. Magnet, couldn't decide, in 1979, whether to launch him upon the waiting world as "the British Billy Joel" or "the Northern Elton John". In fact, neither description fitted him - few people could have confused him with either the "Uptown Girl" keyhoard-drubber or the effete podge from Pinner, and his instrument was the slide guitar rather than the piano. But that's record companies for you. They listened to his gruff North Yorkshire blues growl and decided. absurdly, to market him as a crooner. And they told him they didn't like his name much. "Chris Rea" just didn't sound... croom enough for the easy listenin audience. Rea sarcastically suggested they Stage ethics in the same of th call him something which would appeal to Jewish and Italian audiences, thus nailing the American market. "How about Benjamin Santini?" he asked. One of the executives walked to the window and mused, "Benny Santini ~ 1 like that".

The problem with nomenclature, with image and identity, has dogged Rea all through his eventful, prolific, 18-year career in the rock mainstream. He has made 15 albums, had a handful of hit singles, sold millions of CDs across Europe, and is widely accepted in the world's premier league of guitar virtuosi. But it's all been at the cost of constant struggles with record companies, overproduced arrangements, wildly fluctuating sales and bad health: two years ago he got peritonitis and nearly died. Facing the prospect of never singing, touring or performing in public again, he characteristically embarked on a radical career shift and went into movies. Through all this, an image constantly recurs - of Rea having to cling on to his sense of himself. his music, his visions, while surrounded by people desperate to change his mind. Names occupy a significant place in his life. In conversation, he refers to himself as "Chris Rea" in the third person, as image-conscious boxers and footballers sometimes do, as though insisting on his objective reality. Should you walk the streets humming the chorus of his hit songs "Josephine" and "Julia", you'll be singing the names of his beloved daughters. When he talks about his home town of Middlesbrough, its main shortcoming was its lack of nicknames: "It was never lucky enough to have a city identity. You know - Newcastle has Geordies, Manchester has Mancunians, Liverpool has Scousers. But Middlesbrough? A lot of people in those days would just look at you and say 'Where's Middlesbrough?'".
Rea left his embarrassingly anony-

mous northern home in 1968, and headed for London. He had no career, few prospects and an aborted career in his father's ice-cream manufactory behind him. But he had spent his twenties listening to the delta blues of Sonny Boy Williamson and Muddy Waters, and the more contemporary guitar heroics of Joe Walsh. He bought a guitar at 22, tuned it to E major, learned to play bottleneck and slide, and began to write songs. "Rock 'n' roll was my art school," he says. "For many people from working-class backgrounds, rock wasn't a chosen thing, it was the only thing, the only avenue of creativity available for them. When I was young I wanted most of all to be a writer of films and film music. But Middles-



Chris Rea: a barrel-chested truckdriver of a musician who squeezes out guitar solos of piercing sweetness.

PHOTO: ANDREW BUURMAN

The reluctant rocker

about Mr Rea. I met him at a gorgeous recording studio in Cookham, Berkshire. once owned by Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin. We sat on a plush kelim-upholstered sofa overlooking a tranquil stream. Swallows flitted pointlessly about in the warm sunshine. Rea was in the middle of

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re-recording his storming hit "Let's Dance" for Bob Mortimer, of Reeves and Mortimer fame, who is releasing it as the official Middlesbrough Cup Final tie-in record. Rea shambles in from his labours; short but bearlike, lumberjack shirt, black tracksuit pants, huge trainers. He has a spectacularly simian lope, and a big broad face with a mane of chestnut curls. Someone described him well as "conquistadorspotting the romantic adventurer that co-exists with the workmanlike grafter. Rea's appeal has always combined the two. His gravely singing shares the battered integrity of Tom Waits and Leonard Cohen but without their lyrical gift, in its place Rea injects a fair amount of schmaltz. It's quite something, at a Chris Rea concert, to watch

There's a fair amount of the welder every star in the sky way above/ You'll always be my one and only/ Summer love". You would, however, be well advised not to refer to this tendency (as I did) as "slush". Rea tends to bridle at such words, as if you were scorning his whole Italian-Irish background and the musical tradition he grew up in. "Only the English would call it slush. The Italians wouldn't call it slush. Nor would the Irish. It's a racist thing, like saying African music's all bongos." But surely he liked a bit of moon-over-Capri lushness? "What you call slush," he said crossly, "I call emotive melody."

Sitting in a studio wallpapered with gold and platinum discs. Rea discusses without undue modesty the place he holds in the rock pantheon. "I am in that unique little club," he told me, "where I went into music because I love music, not because I wanted to be rich and famous. I've always knocked on the door of the musicians' room, not the rock stars' room. The British press refuses to see the difference between them, mainly because of the capers of people like Phil Collins, a musician who behaves like a rock star. But there are people who love music and have no interest in being a rock star at all."

It's all very well, I said, playing this Reluctant Debutant when you're successful and rich... "But I'm not a reluctant rock star," he said emphatically. "I am not one at all. I haven't an ounce of rock star in me." But you've got 15 albums with your name on them, I pointed out. If you disliked stardom, why didn't you settle for being an anonymous musician in a band? "Because of the Voice, I'm afraid," said Rea sadly. "The voice has been my joker card that sometimes has played like an ace and some-

you wanted to do movie scores... But it cian squeezing out guitar solos of piercing sing, it's impossible to get people to talk wasn't hard to leave in the Seventies sweetness and, on a Chris Rea CD, listen about anything else". Poor chap. So who depression. Lots of me friends left to be offshore welders... to him singing, in a voice Ratso Rizzo else would he put in this band of un-starry would have envied, lines like "A kiss for music lovers like himself? "I reckon there's Clapton, Mark Knopfler, Van Morrison, meself, David Gilmour, the most underrated blues guitarist in the country, Ry Cooder, I adore him, and I suspect the chap out of Oasis might be pretty good." He narrowed his eyes. What I despise about the rock star lifestyle is the lack of music in it. The average day is spent travelling to hotels, giving interviews, being nice to people you're told to be nice to, and maybe if you're lucky you might squeeze a bit of music in. The musician's day is music."

Or, more recently anyway, movie-making. Rea's film, La Passione, written, produced and soundtracked by himself, will be released in five UK cities from 16 May. It's a slowly unfolded, operatically sentimental tale of a 10-year-old northern boy, the son of a noisy Italian immigrant icecream-making family, who develops a lifelong obsession with motor racing - and especially with the real-life über-racer Wolfgang Von Trips, who was killed in his Sharknose Ferrari at the Monza Grand Prix in 1961. It's a densely textured film: at one point the Catholic boy sits in a church, and watches while Enzo Ferrari appears, God-like, from behind the altar beckoning him to heaven, and the helmeted Von Trips is equally blasphemously cast as Jesus Christ. The prancing horse of the Ferrari logo crosses the screen and blends with boy, God, car and Christ in an eerie Peter-Greenaway-ish conflation of images. There's a touch of Derek Jarman too, in the intrusions of kitsch, as when the boy invokes the figure of Shirley Bassey with the words "Shirley, Do You Own a Ferrari?" and the Tiger Bay chanteuse actually appears, to answer in song, "Yes I Own a Ferrari", to

brough in 1968 wasn't the place to be if this barrel-chested truckdriver of a musi-times a joker. When you sing the way 1 the tune of "Yes, We Have No Bananas". Hobbs, a retired television director. Had Given that the details of family back- their collaboration not worked? "Put it be forgiven for thinking the whole thing is yelpingly autobiographical. "People keep asking me that," Rea guardedly concedes. "and I say, well, it's autobiographical inasmuch as it happened to me and everybody else. Everyone's got a Von Trips in their life, I think. And people who've seen the film all say, 'I remember a day like that'. For some people it happened through football

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or movies - a day when a boy's empty, innocent mind suddenly has all kinds of new stuff blown into it.

He talks about Von Trips with positively boyish enthusiasm. "He was one of the first racing drivers to wear the space helmet rather than the peaked one. He was into all the new fads, the first to wear the proper overalls. And just saying his name - Graffenburger Count Alexander Wolfgang Von Trips. I mean..." He smiles broadly and extends his hands. There's that fetish about names again...

The filming of La Passione was not an unrelieved joy. Rea had initially wanted to direct his own screenplay but Warner Vision, the film's distributors, wouldn't let him. Instead they came up with John B

ground and personal obsession blend seam-lessly with Rea's own childhood, you might Fellini movies in me head: Fellini, Sergio Leone. Once Upon a Time in America is my Bible. Whereas John Hobbs's last project had been 'Allo 'Allo..." More frustratingly, the studio executives kept trying to turn his simple tale of childhood fantasy into something else. There was a lot of hard work in making La Passione, and a lot of grief, because I had very set ideas about how I wanted it to be, and everyone else had a different idea. Some executives wanted it to be like Local Hero, another lot wanted it to be the story of a boy and his father, another lot wanted a zappy story about becoming rich and buying a Ferrari. People were saying, 'Can't we make this driver Nigel Mansell? Or James Hunt?' and talkin' about 'cross-pollinating the market'. I wanted none of it. My thing was about how fantasies occur. about passions, enjoying them..."

His passion for cars has reached positively manic proportions. Most of his song-titles have something to do with four wheels and asphalt: The Road to Hell", "Two Roads", "Freeway", "Johnny Needs a Fast Car", "Soft Top Hard Shoulder". The new single, inevitably, is called "Girl in a Sports Car", from the La Passione soundtrack CD. With characteristic Stakhanovite energy, Rea has a whole new album of jazz-blues tracks, entitled The Blue Cafe, out in October. And on Cup Final day, as the Middlesbrough crowd sing along to "Let's Dance", he is flying to Dresden, to give his first concert in five years. Hadn't he vowed to give up touring, what with the crippling abdominal pains, the stitches, the fear it might return? "Yeah I did," growled Rea. "But I

missed bein' in a band." And he stamped off into the recording studio to get his bashed-up pink Fender Stratocaster, to show me the chords of "Julia".

PAVAROTTI is coming to town next week for a recital at Covent Garden. And I understand he has fan base; "Nessun Dorma" became specifically requested the attenthe climax of The Three Tenors' dance of Desmond Lynam, BBC's concerts; Decca sold an awful lot of Match of the Day presenter and records. apparently the thinking middleaged woman's crumpet. This demanded further investigation, tache wanly and sighed: "No. I got the Pavarotti summons that is, not nothing at all. Actually, that's not matronly taste in sports presenters.

I met Des before the England vs Georgia World Cup qualifying game, and now understand why Pavarotti owes him a lot - a small fortune arguably. Des, who has more than a passing interest in classical music, revealed that it was he who suggested to the BBC in 1990 that for their World Cup theme they use an aria he rather liked, "Nessun Dorma", by a tenor he years. The results reported in the rather liked, Pavarotti, "But we've never had a vocal as a World Cup theme before," the corporation show that the panto audience is retorted. Then it's about time we actually quite fickle. Of last year's year, when the film and television

did," huffed Des. He prevailed. Pavarotti won an infinitely wider

I asked Des if he negotiated a commission. He stroked his mousquite true. Decca sent me a tape, I put it in my machine in the car. And it broke."

PANTOMIME teaches children and often their parents to love theatre. Oh yes it does. Oh no it doesn't. The Theatre Royal, Norwich, instead of relying on anecdote, has actually analysed its audience crossover for the past five latest issue of Theatre Management Association's own journal, Prompt,

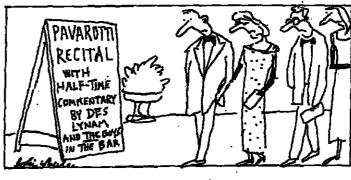


audience for Jack and the Beanstalk 71 per cent had indeed been to the theatre on another occasion - to see Peter Pan, the previous year's panto. But no non-pantomime show at the Theatre Royal attracted even a third of the pantomime audience.

LAST Monday's over-long Bafta Awards should be shorter next

The cup result that made Des sick as a Pavarotti

awards are given on different evenings. The separation is not before time. The English Patient really has very little in common with Men Behaving Badly. Meanwhile, Mike Leigh's disillusionment with the Academy, recounted in this paper this week, has caused a few quite right when he noted that the Bafta membership had never until this year nominated any of his full-rious ways.



length films or TV pieces. It is a SIR Cameron Mackintosh is a great strange omission, which has led to the director of Secrets and Lies leaving Bafta. But he should not allow himself to forget that the Bafta hierarchy did in 1995 give him the much prized Michael Balcon spemurmurings, I hear. Leigh was cial award. They at least acted with logic even if the membership at large acted in rather more myste-

believer that musicals evolve in their early stages. Generally, though, the evolution is complete within the first decade. Except for Les Misérables, which after 12 years will close for 10 days in September to incorporate changes to the staging, lyrics and music, Sir Cameron has decided. Seen by 40 million even Sir Cameron cannot have people worldwide and with 29 cast anticipated.

recordings out there, it seems a little late in the day to go tampering with the show's appearance, let alone its words and music.

Not so, says Nick Allott, executive producer for the show. In fact, the creatives will be moving in not just to bolster the words and music but to bolster the stage. which takes a battering every night when the barricades are stormed. In addition, the whole creative team has got together to review the "lighting, colour and texture" of the production.

And the new lyrics? Actually, they're old lyrics. Material excised from the original Barbican production because the show was too long; but suddenly after 12 years the show's running shorter and the material can be restored. Clearly, casts these days sing faster, a form of musical evolution

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Serena Mackesy: on the right lines with puzzled Yanks; Jasper Rees on TV; Michael Church on Radio TURN TO PAGE

Pocket dynamo

Short on stature, high on energy, Aletta Collins has danced her way through opera, musicals and the movies. Now she's taking on Chekhov. By Nadine Meisner

measuring five foot, no, nearly five foot one" - you wonder how in the past decade she has held élite of Europe's opera houses, the big-shot administrators, the cosmopolitan conductives a seemed so exciting. I decided, OK, I'm off. I was just 21 and I had to choreograph this tors, the unfragile divas. She is such a delicious collection of curves, you applaud in exclusive club that was London Contemporary Dance Theatre. She sounds so recent dance piece, 3 Sisters, you marvel at how many different assignments she can take on without tripping herself up.

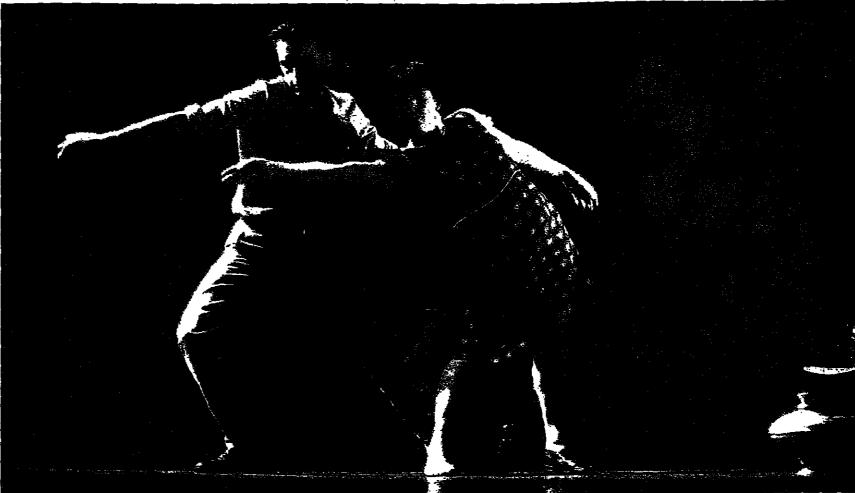
Aletta Collins, whizz performer, choreographer and director, works in dance. opera, film and musicals. She was born in ordinary Bromley and brought up near small-time Watford in a non-theatrical family, although her great-grandmother did belong to "the first flying ballet" in Paris. (She doesn't know if this was a trapeze act.) As a student she choreographed a piece, Stand By Your Man, which was taken into LCDT's repertory, but her first professional job was in opera.

She was in the fourth year at London made three dance films for BBC2. Contemporary Dance School when the know anything about opera," she remem- choreographed herself into 3 Sisters.

he looks so girlie-just turned 30, bers. "I'd never seen an opera in my life. So Steven said, 'Come to ENO's Billy Budd tonight'. And I sat there thinking. "Oh, my God, what is this?" But because her own among the heavyweight I liked Steven and Tom and the project substantial 10-minute bacchanal ballet for the opera's last act, and I didn't know this anorexic age her success as a dancer how. I read the CD booklet and found gifted enough to be accepted into the myself with 20 Bulgarian ballet dancers who didn't speak a word of English."

Yet it went well. So well that Pimlott chirpy after the premiere of her most invited her to choreograph his mega arena-style Carmen at Earl's Court, while Cairns asked her to collaborate with him on stagings of Tippett's King Priam (for Opera North) and Puccini's La Bohème (in Stuttgart) - whereupon she left LCDT This was the start of an enduring professional partnership with Cairns, a symbiosis which dissolves boundaries so that "the working process becomes an organic giving and taking and it becomes hard to decide who did what". Collins has codirected operas with Cairns (the last being Birtwistle's The Second Mrs Kong at Glyndebourne): Cairus designs Collins's dance pieces; and, together, they have

So now Collins has a respectable colopera director Steven Pimlott and the lection of opera CDs and posters of her designer Tom Cairns arrived in search of productions, but also a shortage of chairs. a choreographer for their production of She sits on the floor and shuffles about. Saint-Saens's Samson and Delilah in Bre- Is she all right down there? "Yes, yes. I'm genz. They watched a student perfor- fine. I'm only skiddering about because ous ethos "with more speed and attack". so Collins relies on the dispassionate eye mance which included her work and she I'm a bit sore." If her body is aching, it is went to see them the next day. "I didn't because she loves dancing and has dances. "I preferred to work as a freelance,



'Why do we constantly have to look beyond where we are to find happiness?' Aletta Collins (right) in her version of Chekhov's '3 Sisters'

She has to thank her mother's thrift for making her a dancer. "When I was eight, I wanted to ditch ballet to join the Brownies like all my friends. But my mother said no, because she had just bought me these new ballet shoes." Aged 16, she finished her first bash at choreography while attending the children's class at The Place - a 30-minute piece for nine dancers, created over two years in little bits every Saturday. She went through the London Contemporary Dance School system, but not immediately into the (now-defunct) company. Her shape and style didn't fit the streamlined LCDT aesthetic, where absolute perfection in Graham technique was the foundation. But she did appear as a guest, and my memory winds back to the unforgettable duet Jonathan Lunn created for her called Doppelganger - her compact silhouette darting round his rangier one with dappled hyperactive steps. She joined LCDT later for 18 months, when the choreographer Dan Wagoner became

director, and introduced a more congru-Her candid patter echoes the way she of forthright friends like Tom Cairns.

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Dance Company," she is saying. "And I didn't want the responsibility of having my own group." What changed her mind? "I made a piece for some dance students and, because I liked the result, I wanted to give it more than just two performances." That piece was Che Gelida Manina, a piquant take on La Bohème, which became the Aletta Collins Dance Company's first piece and which will tour again this autumn, along with 3 Sisters. Her desire to launch a company showed perfect timing, since it coincided with the decision of Southern Arts to help fund an associate dance company for three years. But this is the third and final year, and a question mark hangs over the future.

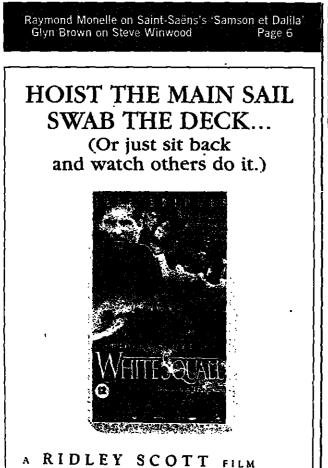
The group is also Collins's gift to her dancing self. "I wouldn't," she supposes, "have much opportunity for dancing if it wasn't for my own work." In fact, many choreographers prefer not to live the schizophrenia of simultaneously creating and performing. It is difficult to create when you are right inside your creation;

ventional storytelling - "I didn't want to do the dance of the Chekhov play." I didn't want to nating with the disco sound of Sister Sledge and extracts from a Russian lan-Rather, Chekhov is a springboard: the themes are drawn from the play, the characters are concentrated down to three women and one man. Collins hasn't seen Kenneth MacMillan's ballet version, Winter Dreams, and when I remark that it helps to know the play before seeing Winter Dreams, she says she hopes her piece isn't the same. "I think it has its own internal logic and narrative." The Collins 3 Sisters is part road movie with hitchhiker interludes, part discourse on the human tendency to look beyond what we already have. "Chekhov urges us to reassess the feeling that life will only start when we get to Moscow or get a husband or get whatever. Why do we constantly have to look beyond where we are to find

happiness? The way the characters disregard their present condition links in with the fin de ing how people achieve what they do." siècle aura of the play, that anxiety about the future – "which of course makes com- Aletta Collins's '3 Sisters' is performed at plete sense now". The parallels between The Place Theatre, Dukes Road, London 3 Sisters is the company's third piece. Chekhov's fin de siècle and our own are WC1 (0171-387 0031) on 6 and 7 May. choreographing for LCDT and Phoenix Although Collins is a narrative choreog-mirrored in Collins's musical choices: then tours to 25 May

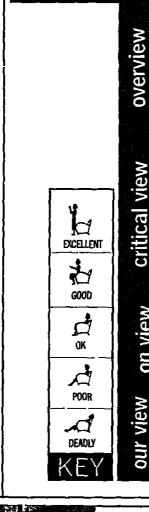
rapher, she doesn't exactly go in for con-turn-of-the-century Russian music, alterguage tape (which is, by the way, the Collins Teach Yourself Russian).

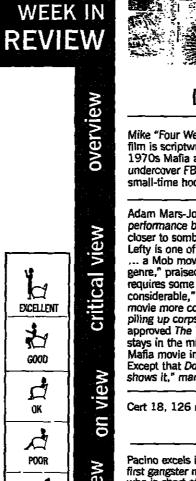
Collins's own present is too full for her to fix her gaze on some utopian horizon. After choreographing the revival of Jesus Christ Superstar, then devising a cossack dance for Watch That Man, a film starring Bill Murray, then moving into her new WC1 flat in January, she admits she felt the need "to hole up for a few weeks" before starting 3 Sisters and thinking about a solo for herself this summer. Even so, she clearly enjoys juggling the varied components of her career. "I think Γm very lucky to be exposed to so many different art-forms and to people who are brilliant in them - singers, conductors, directors, film-makers. I get to see first hand these people working. And that has been the biggest influence on me, watch-

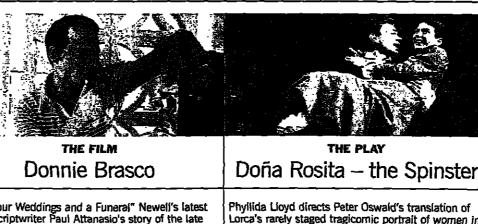


Based on A True Story

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Mike "Four Weddings and a Funeral" Newell's latest film is scriptwriter Paul Attanasio's story of the late 1970s Mafia apprenticeship of Johnny Depp as an undercover FBI agent under the wing of wiseguy and small-time hood Ai Pacino.

Adam Mars-Jones admired Pacino's haunted performance but decided "the film delivers something closer to sombre tension than big thrills". "Pacino's Lefty is one of the subtlest performances of his career ... a Mob movie even for those who dislike the genre," praised the Telegraph. "If this is a movie that

requires some patience, the dividends it yields are considerable," pronounced The Guardian. "A reflective movie more concerned with trust and friendship than piling up corpses ... distinctive and memorable," approved *The Times*. "A complex, rewarding film that stays in the mind," applauded *Time Out*. "The best Mafia movie in years ... talk about the banality of evil. Except that Donnie Brasco doesn't talk about it, it shows it," marvelled the F7.

Cert 18, 126 minutes, on general release.

Pacino excels in a role tailor-made for him in the first gangster movie to show us a powerful Mailioso who is short of a few bob.



Phyllida Lloyd directs Peter Oswald's translation of Lorca's rarely staged tragicomic portrait of women in love and friendship. Anthony Ward designs and Phoebe Nichols plays the lead with a cast including Eleanor Bron, Celia Imrie and Kathryn Hunter.

Paul Taylor was unsettled by the cast's Englishness but succumbed to "a performance of great dignity ... the final scene fully lives up to those comparisons with the last act of *The Cherry Orchard*." "Delicately moving ... a subtly intelligent and very well acted production," lauded The Guardian. "A formidable cast combines like one of the better orchestras, unselfishly supportive between solos," sang the Mail. "Miss Lloyd's powerful but sometimes over-ornamented production ... Anthony Ward's beautifully conceived garden conservatory," approved the Standard. "An honourable stab at a tricky play; but maybe too honourable," sighed The Times. "Phoebe Nichols does her line in congealed home counties girlishness ... it is all unaffecting," winced the FT.

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The difficult shifts from comedy to tragedy don't always come off but Anthony Ward's set, Lucy Roberts's costumes and Paul Pyant's lighting, plus tremendous performances from Celia Imrie and Kathryn Hunter, result in a bold, beautiful production.



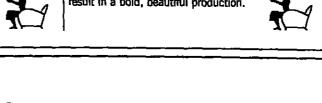
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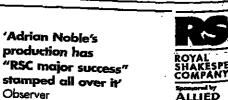
Antony McDonald directs and designs Saint-Saëns's often derided biblical drama for Scottish Opera with Frédéric Chaslin conducting Mark Lundberg as Samson, Carolyn Sebrun as Dalila and Robert Hayward as the High Priest.

Raymond Monelle was certain. "This production is a triumph. It overcomes cliche at every turn, revealing the work as a rare masterpiece. An almost unqualifie success." "Carolyn Sebrun sings with a sound like devore velvet ... Robert Hayward is brilliantly horid," gloried The Scotsman. "Should do Scottish Opera's morale and their reputation a power of good ... nvigorating," hailed The Times. "An original interpretation without destroying the essence of the piece," saluted the FT. "The first two acts were thrilling ... [the choral singing] was uplifting in its grandeur and expressiveness," beamed The Sunday elegraph. "Ravishing to look at and fabulously lit. it has such good components, maybe they can be made to get as the run progresses," hoped the Guardian.

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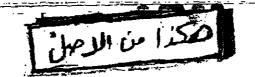


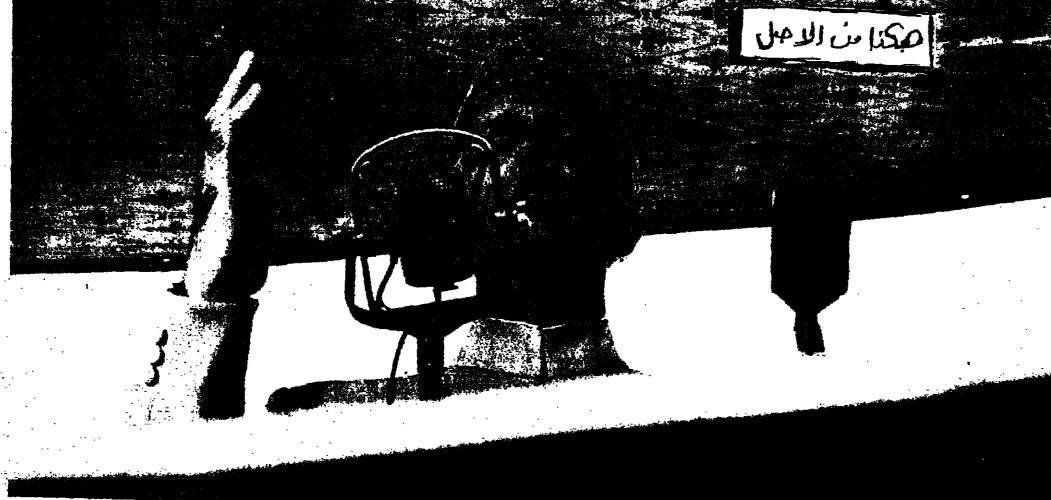
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Splitting image: Christopher Lee as Mohammed All Jinnah (above) and Dracula (below, left); the Great Leader broadcasts to the nation (below, right)

Return of the living dead

Michael Church went out to Lahore to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company at work... and stumbled upon another comedy of errors, misinformation and malice that is currently dividing Pakistani opinion 50 years after Partition

here's a full moon in the blue sky, with the Hale-Bopp comet just visible on the horizon. Aeroplanes pass overhead, the muezzin brays mournfully, mobiles in the stalls mingle sweetly with the music on stage. In the arena by Lahore's Ghadhafi stadium. the air is full of noises.

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The Royal Shakespeare Company are presenting Tim Supple's production of The Comedy of Errors, and the audience is revelling in its gutsy physicality. Each time a Dromio gets heaten, or a jug of water is emptied over his elegant master, the place is convulsed. When the concubine appears - bare-armed in a red ball-dress, risque in this devout Muslim town - there are intakes of breath. When a master is reunited with his henchman, and the bond sealed with a mouth-to-mouth kiss, the audience gasp with disbelief. When the parallel pair eye each other uncertainly, then settle for a handshake, there are

sighs of relief. Homosexuality here is against the law. This is where veiled Jemima lives obediently with Imran, while Saima Waheed hides with the man she married in defiance of her father. Here two female votes equal one male vote; inequality is the rule. The RSC beautifully bring out the sadness of exile, but what the audience latch on to are the kicks and insults of feudal dominion and family strife. As the daily papers grimly illustrate, these are the local flashpoints for violence.

It's striking how little the audience miss, despite the fact that - after Punjabi and Urdu - English is their third language. But Shakespeare's world is much closer to them than a contemporary English playwright's would be, and many know the text (the man behind me parades his erudition with loud prompts during pauses). There's a class from Lahore Girls' Grammar, Pre-Raphaelite visions in white frocks and sashes: there are groups of girls from the Islamic university, chastely enveloped in chadors, Several communities coexist in Lahore, as do three legal systems - civil law, martial law, and sharia law (mercifully not followed to the letter). This play overshadowed from scene one by a mandatory death sentence - has something for everyone.

The reviews next day are ecstatic. "RSC enchants art-lovers" trills the headline over a piece beginning Excellent! Marvellous! These were the remarks by each and every person present ... To check out the local fare, I see a popular comedy called Bride for One Night which turns on some remarkably familiar devices. The bride is beautiful, and also mad; the household she invades is full of people bursting in and out of rooms, belabouring each other, and brandishing guns. The biggest laugh comes when the aged householder - wishing to score with the "bride" goes to the doctor for a potency cure. There are camp gents doing silly walks. The slapstick recalls the RSC's; Frankie Howerd would feel at home.

He'd feel even more so at the British Council here, whose video-library has had to replace its lovingly worn-out copy of Carry on up the Khyber (the real thing is just up the road). The Council's work may be primarily educational, but human rights and unsnobbish cultural provision also loom large. The RSC's visit - following a tour of India - is the centrepiece of a programme the Council has mounted for the golden jubilee of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Since the company's visit coincides with Shakespeare's birthday, the Council celebrates in style. On carpeted lawns, and to the strains of Cabaret (courtesy of the brass band of the Royal Tank Regiment). Lahore's high society knock back soft drinks (or hard ones acquired from a discreet litthe tent that, judging by the relieved expressions of to print his name - asking. Is this man fit to play Jinthose emerging. I initially assume to be a lavatory).
The British High Commissioner makes a speech of welcome: the Bishop of Lahore sails among his flock; it's a swell party. But what is James Fox doing here? And Christopher Lee, and sundry other he looks as much like Jinnah as Santa Claus. For the nere: All dawns: they're part of a larger, more past seven weeks, not a day has gone by without him

Next morning, the streets leading to the vast Badshahi Mosque are closed to traffic, but thousands of onlookers have evaded the police cordon to watch silently in the sun. This was where a lawyer called Mohammed Ali Jinnah addressed his countrymen in 1940, and where, by mass acclaim, the decision was taken to found the state of Pakistan. On the lawns beneath the walls, hundreds of turbaned tribesmen raise their fists and cheer an austere figure addressing them from a dais. It's a short, simple scene, but the extrus are made to do it again and again, with the director's assistant trying vainly to prevent them straying to the water-butts. Mosquitoes lurk in the sparse Devil. Then they said Salman Rushdie wrote it."

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problems we've met on this one

off camera, Lee produces the same rolling oratory:

ror and sex movies'. If I've ever made a sex film, I'd

like to see it. Shashi Kapoor, our narrator, who is

one of the most famous Asian actors in history, has

been accused of being 'a lifelong enemy of Pakistan'.

and there have been demands that both he and I

should be deported. The News put it about that Far-

rukh Dhondy, Channel 4's multicultural boss, wrote

"I have been described as having 'appeared in hor-

no point interrupting with questions.

bits of shade; the tribesmen are patient and goodhumoured; tempers fray among the crew.

And also on the dais, surrounded by extras and gofers, the austere figure towering above everyone else is instantly familiar - and not just because he once played Dracula. We know this face from the portraits hanging in shops and cafes, and from the head on 10-rupee notes. This is indeed Jinnah, the Quaid-i-Azam, the Great Leader.

And Jinnah is angry. "I've made 240 films, but I've never come across anything like the problems we've met over this one. We're undermanned, under-budgeted, the entire unit has been ill, and I have the responsibility of playing the father of the nation, in the nation he created. In 50 years, believe it or not, no one has done this before, though Jinnah did make. an appearance in Attenborough's Gandhi. There he was a satanic caricature, an appalling distortion of the truth. I've read every book I can lay my hands on, and talked to people who knew him, and he was an extraordinary man. .

write letters to the president, make speeches at press conferences, defend my work on Pakistani radio and the Voice of America, and refute an endless stream of lies in the local press. This has nothing to do with the Pakistani people, who are being absolutely supportive. When I walk up on that dais, there is a tremendous round of applause, not just from the extras but from the people of the town. That is their way of say-

ing thank you. And they are saying it every single day. But on the day we arrived, there was a front-page article in a paper called The News attributed to a 'special correspondent' - the man didn't have the guts nah?' and inviting readers to fax their views. It seems this journalist had once himself asked to play Jinnah, at a time when an earlier film was mooted, and he was turned down - as he should have been, because

anti-army film The Blood of Hussain won a string of awards - Dehlavi is painfully tongue-tied in interview, his actors fill the gap.
Sam Dastor (who makes as convincing a Gandhi

as Ben Kingsley did) previously played the Mohatma in India, and experienced there what Lee, as Jinnah, is experiencing here: deification by strangers in the street. Dastor thinks the Partition for which Jinnah fought has been a calamity, and he approves of the script's harsh treatment of Viceroy Mountbatten. "He's never been properly taken to task for the fact that he allowed a million people to be murdered in 1947." Maria Aitken playing the sexually volatile Lady Mountbatten agrees. "But this is a good script, in that nobody is portrayed in black and white; though with Jinnah this is creating problems. Some people here object because he's even seen to cough - evidence of

contentious celebration of Pakistan's first 50 years. Jinnah is shooting in town. printing fresh lies about us. This campaign is his frailty! As he was dying of TB, it's hard to avoid." In frailty! As he was dying of TB, it's hard to avoid. Filming here, she says, is not like filming anywhere Filming here, she says, is not like filming anywhere else. "A lot of the time we don't know what the next shot is, and the British crew have long since realised there's no point showing impatience - they've become Pakistanis. We just drift along, and things happen. On my first day, a courtroom set with 200 extras on it collapsed. Today the make-up artist looking after Nehru was off sick, and someone else made him several shades too dark, so a lot of time was lost lightening him. Some people are infuriated by this,

> Since this is the first international film to be made in Pakistan, the necessary local expertise is not present, nor are the bit-players. As a result, unlikely people are pressed into service: one of the most eminent surgeons in Karachi has done a two-line part. As Aitken points out, a lot hangs on the success of this venture: "If this film goes down, people won't make any more films in Pakistan. But it will be a great lift for the economy if they do."

but it's all done with the best of intentions."

On the day when news has come through that the government has stopped his grant, Ahmed himself is far from downcast. "This strengthens us, gives us more credibility," he beams. "The government's demands were completely unacceptable, and now we have the ideal compromise: support and facilities, but no strings." Moreover, he professes to be delighted by the hostile publicity. "We should pay *The News* a fee: every household in the country has heard about our film." Is he hoping to out-Gandhi Gandhi? "I believe we can take it on. This will be David and Goliath." Whereupon a great silence falls, action is called, and Jinnah-Lee once more addresses 500 off-

duty soldiers masquerading as the people of Pakistan. Back in London, Farrukh Dhondy confirms that, though Channel 4 has made no commitment, he is eagerly awaiting the finished product. He had no hand in the script, but has read it and thinks it

father, like son

THEATRE True Brit Birmingham Rep

ust as 18 years of Tory rule crashed to an end, here's a play about a couple who fled from the values of that era early on and set up a hotel business in southern Spain. The good life is turning distinctly sour, though, when we meet this pair of ex-pats, who haven't been back to England in a decade and a half, in Ken Blakeson's True Brit. The practised, minehost bonhonue of Frank Grimes's Charlie Martin, one-time photographer now master chef, has become a bibulous, faintly selfhating parody of itself. Resenting his current class of customer ("ex-teachers and their spreading wives"), he peoples his memories with rather more celebrities than actually ever stayed with them and he's bitter that the beautiful view has been defaced by the plastic greenhouses of an agricultural research centre which is trying to make the desert scrub fertile. Helen (Elizabeth Mansfield), his second wife and junior by some 15 years, has retreated from this distillusion into art or, as Charlie sees it, into covering endless bits of board with "nancy" paint."

The pre-season period is stirred from its stagnancy by the arrival first of Guillermo (Justin Avoth), virtually the adoptive son of the childless Martins and newly-appointed head of the research centre, and then, as paying guests, of Guy Lankester's studiedly loutish Mel, a shady young British entrepreneur and his nubile Ukrainian girlfriend Natalka (excellent Bonnie Engstrom), who is merely one instance of the unscrupulous way he has cleaned up in Eastern Europe. The insolent edge to Mel's behaviour - the noisy love-making, the fault-finding with the lux-ury fare, the flaunting of moneyed heartlessness and, in particular, his needlingly destructive interest in Guillermo's status in the household - makes it plain that he is agitating for a showdown and that Charlie's first marriage, which ended in desertion and suicide, is not going to remain a dusty closed book for long.

Blakeson's intelligent, absorbing play asks you to imagine how it would feel to meet, as a stranger out of the blue, a grownup son whose obnoxious values are more like yours than you care to admit, once the generational adjustments have been made. "I'm not a saint, Charlie, but I'm an up-front bastard," brags Mel. Perhaps the hippy behaviour of Charlie in the late Sixties and early Seventies (leaving wife and child in order to go on the razzle with the dolly birds in Brighton) differs from the brazen, entrepreneurial hedonism of his son principally in its hypocrisy and self-deception and, besides, Mel works a hell of a lot harder for his sadistic, contractual pleasures. And how can you pride yourself on having abandoned uncaring Britain for moral reasons, if you are thereby leaving all the caring to somebody else?

The play has its weak areas. There's just not enough circumstantial texture to the relationship between the Martins and Guillermo, for whom Helen, it is intimated, feels something more than mother love. Mel is apparently on the run from people he has antagonised while trying to engineer a lucrative metal-exporting scam in the Ukraine, but though his need for temporary sanctuary enables him to lob a telling accusation at his father ("what's a few days after all those missing years?"), there's no real attempt to generate tension over his plight. What the play does best is enable you to see a complicated mixture of right and wrong on all sides, a feature finely conveyed in Anthony Clark's

Paul Taylor





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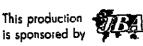
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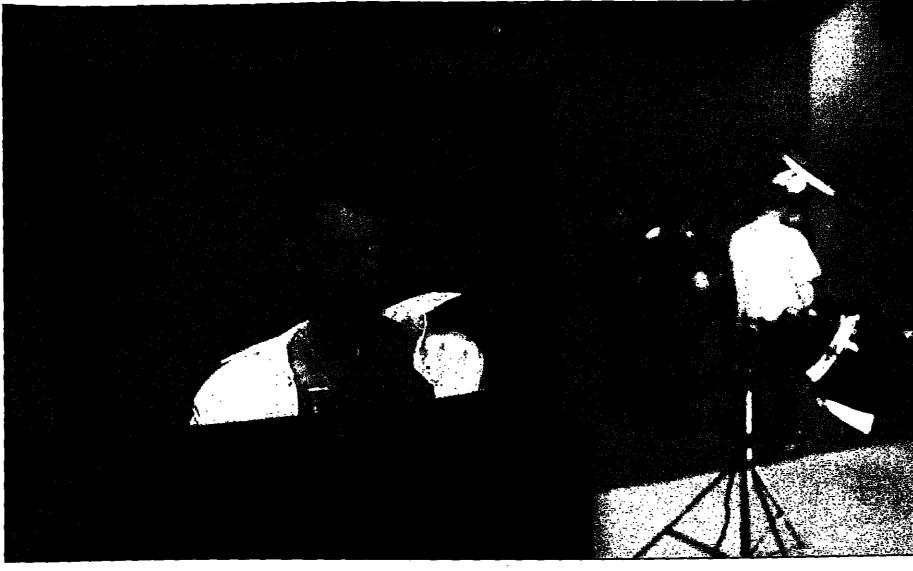
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Antoine de Caunes (new beard and all) gets serious about trash with Serena Mackesy

are afternoon at a small television studio in the suburbs of Paris, and a small posse of 14year-olds - mostly girls painted as if it were evening, with a couple of boys whose smoking, lounging, big-booted posture is betrayed by the autograph books clutched to their sides - is gathered on the pavement outside. In the gloom beyond reception, against a blue backdrop, G-Squad, (pronounce it right: djee-skwud), the French Take That, are performing their mega-dancesmash, "De Haut en Bas". When one says the French Take That, that means that the band contains a Gary (lead singer, big smile, fair hair), a Robbie (though he looks disconcertingly more like the geeky guy in Third Rock from the Sun than Robbie, who has a disconcerting capacity to look like Norman Wisdom himself), a Jason (ponytail, falling-off shirt) and a replacement for How and Marky who has the orange skin-tones and irritating haircut of Peter Andre and the faraway facial expressions of Joe in G-Squad hop and dip, tart the

camera and do those arm movements that the Manc lads did so much better. Out in the editing suite, techies give them a background of dancing psychedelia. And as they sparkle, a slight figure in white satin shirt, fishnet singlet, zip-covered baggy trousers and giant dangling LOVE pendant ent company: sex, kitsch, colour appears behind them and dances and presenters who combine across, arms flailing, in that irritating way your dad used to do before out blinking. The Girlic Show, you got to have a record player in your bedroom. The figure is Antoine de Caunes, perky Gallic crumpet and televisual genius, and G-Squad, far from getting their big the programme - hammed-up break into the British market, are being sent up on Eurotrash.

The eighth series of Eurovash goes to air this Friday. A ninth is pencilled in for the autumn and the seventh programme in this series will be the 50th edition of the programme. Eurotrash, which specialises in finding the sads, mads and lads of our great Union, voiceovered by trainspotting British main ingredient. He is replaced in regional accents, remains a hot the new run by Melinda Messenger, lacking the cash to go on to a night- a spread in last week's Paris Match club. The last series pulled in a rat- with the Spice Girls under dubious that we speak of the sounds like peanuts in comparison leur 95c et leur look de pin-up". with the 23 million who tuned in for in Albert Square, is 25 per cent of filming. He has just finished interthe available audience at air-time. rogating Lova Moor, a former Not bad for a minority channel.



Sads, mads and le lad

formula that has been used in most of the output of Rapido, the partwinkly casualness and satire with-Carnal Knowledge and the shortlived but delightful Love in the Afternoon issue from the same stable. De Caunes's presentation of French accent, smooth suits, taking visible pleasure in rolling phrases like "butt-cheeks" over his tongue, is little short of inspired. The series has survived the loss of Jean-Paul Gaultier, the hyper-camp fashion designer, whose flirty chemistry with de Caunes added a surreal touch to the stream of busty you know. We love Page blondes which is the programme's favourite with the weekend drunks darling of Page Three, who shared

"It was a good duet, you know," showgirl of a certain age who is The secret behind the show's marketing a scent that smells of

to her that "en Angleterre la serie est unfamiliar. I have always suspected

way they speak, but most Ricky and Bianca's wedding down says de Caunes during a break in of the time they hate the show. him of being a bit of closet intel- Lolo, regular guest and a woman They think it's insulting."

There is something disconcerting

success is, broadly speaking, a lavatory cleaner through French effort he's grown in preparation for expect is that so much of his onsupermarkets at £10 a bottle. As an upcoming film role - it's the they were setting up, he explained combination of the familiar and the

> une serie de culture", a somewhat disingenuous explanation that caused her to preen with pride. "We were the master and the slave. I was the master, of course." And why have they replaced Jean-Paul with Melinda, another blonde among many? He smiles. "We like beautiful girls with class; that's what we enjoy. She has the perfect silhouette of the girls we want on Eurotrash, Three girls. It's very tasty and it's what we love in life: what we expect from girls and women, you know. What's funny is girls, and we speak the

through in life. It's like talking to a very precocious prep-school boy: he is aware of the implications of everything his

shows involve, and without doubt there is an element of subversion in everything he does, seeing how far one can push the boundaries of tat television to show up the failings of less sophisticated offerings. And yet, whenever the subject of breasts comes up, which when you're discussing a show like Eurotrash is often, his eyes light up like a 10year-old behind a bike shed. He is, in some ways, a typical product of a Jesuit education, with all the convent-girltions that go with it.

"Breasts? Well, they are beautiful." Even those of

screen personality would show as a pastiche." Those round fox's eyes shine with enthusiasm as he warms to his subject. "Once there was a competition to find the world's biggest breasts. Lolo had a challenger from America, who came on Concorde to take part.

And one of her breasts exploded

because of the cabin pressure. It

would have been a good story for Eurotrash." Ideal. The thing is, de Caunes is a considerably more serious character than the British public has seen evidence of. He is, for a start, president of the French Aids charity, Solidarité SIDA. His show, Nulle Part Ailleurs, which ran daily for seven years, was more straight than not, though dotted with satirical skits. He wrote the lion's share - 90

minutes' worth every day - himself. This is a man, it seems, whose boredom threshold is painfully low. He has a reputation as a workaholic from being in possession of a rest- are enough reasons to get less brain. "I don't know how to depressed in life. This is showbusi-

That's that: G-Squad perform for Antoine de Caunes. French teenies take them seriously. 'Eurotrash' doesn't

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relaxation, he reads - "Tm a big fan of Robert Louis Stevenson: I think he'd one of the greatest writers of all time, along with Dumas, Mau-rice LeBlanc, with Stendhal. And I read a lot of background stuff. I've been reading a lot of Jewish nov-els recently. And I love American novels" - and rides his bike around Trouville, where he lives.

Not that there's much time for that. The de Caunes diary is, as always, crowded. La Divine Poursuite, a film by Michel de Vil, opened in France on 30 April. "It's from a Donald Westlake novel, Dancing Aziecs. It's always stories of people running after something and not exactly knowing what they're run-ning after. It's always very shamholic. I am trying to purchasing a gold statue coming from Africa that's was smuggled. And there are some burglars running after us. It's part comedy, part straight."

Meanwhile, he is about to enter a two-month shoot of a film called L'Homme est une Femme comme les Autres. "It's very different. First of all it's a leading role and we'll be shooting every day for two months. It's the story of a gay Jewish guy who has to marry a girl. It's a kind of edgy comedy." It also sounds like it bears more than a passing resemblance to Jaime Humberto Hermosillo's 1986 movie Dona Herlinda and her Son, but we'll let that pass.

Television, it seems, is rapidly becoming a thing of the past: overthe past year, he has cut his smallscreen commitments down to Eurotrash and presenting the French César awards. He has no intention of ditching Eurotrash for the time being. "I love it. It's very easy. It's like recreation time. I like being able to work in England. I can't say I particularly like French TV. They're two opposite worlds. French TV is very conventional." Lolo totters past us to the head of the stairs, looking like she has quadruplets strapped to her chest. The sight of her, gripping the hand rail to keep her balance, suddenly fills me with gloom. Does he never find this stream of freaks depressing? "Yes," he says, "but life is a circus, you know. We only show the edge. If you take it seriously, yes, hit depressing But we ma circulated - but a lot of this comes a choice to have fun with it. There make the frontier between work ness. And anyway" - that giggly grin

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lectual, and indeed, he is working who single-handedly halved the hard at taking his career away from European silicone lake? "No, not I'm always working on new projects morals and well-thinking people, I about Antoine. It's not just his new the frivolity of television into Lolo's breasts. You can't call them which are very exciting. I don't feel enjoy it. It's a good enough reason beard - a rather Kris Kristofferson straight film roles. What I didn't breasts any more. But she knows it like it's working too much." For to make the show, you know?

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He used to have a band called Madness, then he didn't, And long before that, there was lots of plain madness, enought to drive you crazy. Suggs has a bizarre story to tell to **Deborah Ross**



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Philistine, moi?

OPERA Samson et Dalila Edinburgh Festival Theatre

Saëns's biblical opera is widely thought of as an orgy of sensuality. It is nothing of the kind. With the composer's extraordi--the score virtually quotes Wag-ner, Berlioz. Gounod and Mendelssohn - the work is a fabulously rich amalgam of earnest drama, near-oratorio and sublime lyricism.

Scottish Opera, in its new production, has decided to ignore the popular view and go for high drama and musical breadth. Antony McDonald is chiefly known as a designer, but here acted as producer as well; paradoxically, his hand was chiefly visible in the formal and balletic movements of both chorus and principals, played out in sets that were rudimentary, merely oblique platforms with a distant view of a starry sky or of the Negev desert, lit with pinkish side-lights by Wolfgang Göbbel McDonald visualised the Jews as Polish victims of the Holocaust, mocked and ridiculed by an Abimelech (the warm and virile Christopher Purves) dressed like a Nazi brownshirt. The initial image was telling: rows of sleeping Jews in a bare hall, reminiscent of Auschwitz. Neither of the notorious coups de théâtre - the cutting of Samson's hair, the destruction of the temple - was seen on stage.

McDonald has the right cast for this conception. His Samson is Mark Lundberg, an immense tenor with one of those smoky, husky voices, baritonal in every-thing but range, fathornless in expressive depth. Robert Hayward is a young-looking High Priest, with a black, high-calibre

Because of the popularity of Delilah's "Mon cœur feeling like you've been hit by a tank. Above all, Delilah herself (Carolyn Sebron) is not the remotest bit seductive. This magnificent singer, with her stately presence and comnary ear for every kind of music manding gestures, sees the role as a relentless narrative of hatred and revenge. Her voice has edge and colour and she phrases rhetorically, expansively, never descending to mere sensuality. Samson is a fool to overlook the steel in her tone, even when she is declaring love and fidelity.

Perhaps the best stroke was to appoint a conductor, Frédéric Chaslin, who not only imposes his grand vision on every aspect of the performance, but also sees the score as an essentially musical sequence, rather than a mere accompaniment to stage action. Stern counterpoint, fragrant hymnody, symphonic density are cherished and moulded, placing the work on the borderline of opera and symphony. And when the com-poser allows himself a moment of lyric beauty, space and sunlight open up around it, allowing the singers every luxury of projection and sostenuto.

There are errors of taste. The ballet music in Act 3 accompanies an incoherent. slightly salacious tableau of stage business, and the Philistine women, dressed in the fashions of 1900, show their legs like street-corner tarts. But all in all, this production is a triumph. It overcomes cliché at every turn, revealing the work as a rare masterpiece. Edinburgh Festival Theatre tonight (0131 529 6000) and on tour

Raymond Monelle

Rollin' with it

POP Steve Winwood Hanover Grand, London

what you're hearing, you'd just better button your lip. Arriving late to an intimate and overfilled venue (Steve returns later this summer to play Wembley) surrounded by vintage Bentleys, Jags and assorted rock star cars complete with chauffeurs, I muscle upstairs to the VIP area, the only place left to see from. It is chocker with Steve's family and friends. "I can see what you're writing," says one beautiful woman, brandishing a talon. "And it better be good," Sometimes, you wish you'd bothered to learn

shorthand. Not necessarily tonight, though, because what's going on is quite cool. There's an odd sense of the gravity-defying about little Stevie. At its best, his music is grittily uplifting, still all about the full-throttle sweat of R&B/psychedelia he pioneered (this is a man who can meld uncannily with a Hammond organ); and, though the chap's nearly 50, he still retains the quirky, slightly fey beauty of esteryear. Some feat, since this is a rock 'n' roll baby who played big-band and Dixieland jazz at the age of eight, alongside his clar-inettist dad, in the Ron Atkinson Band. By 12, on stage with his unfortunately nicknamed sibling, Muff, he was singing like Ray Charles on helium. At 16, he scored Staxy hits with the Spencer Davis Group; in his twenties, doped out of his mind, he was mixing progrock and psychedelia in

t's a get-on-down kind of Traffic (remember "Hole night, and if you don't like In My Shoe", all about a big albatross?). When he finally found a solo career, he made radio-friendly AOR credible with "Valerie" and "Higher Love", white-soul nonpareil.

> The new album, Junction Seven, looks good on paper, with contributions from Narada Michael Walden, Jim Capaldi. Nile Rodgers, Lenny Kravitz and Des'ree. On CD, to be honest, it's a disappointment - slightly bland variations on 1986's Back in the High Life. In his natural habitat, however, a cramped and smoky club. Winwood made it move. The sound was flattened by the Hanover's low ceiling, the band - all at least half his age - were technically proficient, but multi-instrumentalist Winwood fired the set. He kicked off with "I'm a Man", soaked_in brass and Hammond B3, his voice - half Marvin Gaye, half Roland Gift scratching against the police siren wails of two cat-like Diana Rosses.

> New tracks were buzzed up with salsa, Philly and jazz-funk, and sounded pretty much as good as what you'd come hoping to hear: the arch romance of "While You See a Chance", the edgy R&B of "Keep On Runnin" and "Gimme Some Lovin'". He must've played this last song a time or two, but its hypnotic, insidious riff still makes him contort his face in an orgasmic, lip-biting rictus, I don't think he was the only one.

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Owen Dudley Edwards scorns the Irish chieftain who succumbed to radical chic



A blast from the Eurosceptics: revolutionary France reviled by Thomas Rowlandson in a print published by the 'Association for the Preservation of Liberty and Prosperity against the Republicans and Levellers'. in Diana Donald's 'The Age of Caricature' (Yale University Press, £45)

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'I was trying to think who you reminded me of Somebody who went about strewing ruin and desolation and breaking up homes which, until he came along, had been happy and peaceful. Attila is the man. It's amazing,' she said, drinking me in once more. To look at you, one would think you were just an ordinary sort of amiable idiot - certifiable, perhaps, but quite harmless. Yet, in reality, you are a worse scourge than the Black Death". (P G Wodehouse, Right Ho, Jeeves)

"Bertie Wooster, if he ever existed, was killed round about 1915," asserted Orwell bleakly. Stella Tiliyard's new biography of Lord Edward Fitzgerald acquaints us with a Bertie Wooster killed in 1798. Orwell would probably have contemplated him with a sour gratification. Fitzgerald, son of the Duke of Leinster, descendant of greedy aristocrats enriched by the labour of their dependents for 600 years, threw in his fortunes with a new order intended to bloom from blood shed by underlings.

Orwell would have been reminded of the snoblesse oblige public-school

ttila', she said at length. Citizen Lord: Edward Fitzgerald, 1763-1798 by Stella Tillyard, Chatto, £16.99

class intends to rule, whatever their label. Fitzgerald married the putative daughter of Philippe, Duke of Orleans, regicide cousin of Louis XVI, father of Louis Philippe. She was charming; so was her husband. Charm, and what Jane Austen would call the condescension of his support for the French Revolution and its satellite, the United Irishmen, won him a place in the romantic nationalist pantheon.

"Was it ... for this Edward Fitzgerald died" sneered W B Yeats about Irish-Catholic bourgeois philistinism in his poem "September 1913". It was not, but however greedy and heartless "this" could be, it was better than Fitzgerald actually died (and killed). Ireland was a late interest in his turbulent 34-year life. He toyed with a little Gaelic and ploughmanship after returning to Ireland in 1793. It gave his revolutionary support-group a

And birth had given him a local name, Stella Tillyard's vigorous and absorbing text is richly documented, but makes little more of the lineage than the Wooster ancestors recalled Stalinists of his own day. The ruling by Bertie as doing dashed well at They made the best of new times, packed off to his mother.

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since was ancestral. Tillyard vaguely pictures the medieval Fitzgeralds oscillating between "pragmatic gestures of loy-alty to the English Crown and spectacular acts of defiance that allowed them to claim a distinct Irish identity". These were frequently the same thing, depending on which English Crown the Fitzgeralds

Irish imagination of his own time and

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might loyally gesture towards. In the late 15th century, their Great Earl, Garret Mor, trapezed from the Yorkists to Henry VII via They were neither English nor Irish in loyalty: they were Fitzgerald. They made alliances, marital or otherwise, with Gael and Norman, French or English, as seemed best to their interests.

The trouble was that their interests were all too readily identified with Irish malice by their opponents. The Irish Parliament of Tudor times was brought under English control

having to be bought off with a dukedom in the end; but as Tillyard shows, they could not be bought on

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Lord Edward's immediate relatives moved over to oppositions; and his own choice of an opposition regime, as well as party, showed more ancestral fidelity than his trendy Francophilia implied.

His mother had shaped him for such receptivity. She educated her child according to the theoretical principles of Rousseau (as opposed to the practical ones, whereby Rousseau sent his own offspring to the foundling hospital).

Edward grew up the friend of mankind. He was even more a friend than a slavemaster to his own Jeeves, a South Carolina black named Tony. where Lord Edward had been wounded serving against the American rebels.

Stella Tillyard sensibly seeks to write Tony into her narrative, but his philanthropic master grew sparser in reference to him as the great French revolutionary cause took over. By the end, her dutiful Tonyisms begin to sound like the more mechanical passages of Harriet Beecher Stowe. chiefly to limit Fitzgerald power. Fitzgerald's own children were

A few years of exotic conspiracy and Fitzgerald had his insurrection in 1798. It was aborted in Dublin by his own incompetence and in the country by the massacre of the peasantry enlisted in the French cause. He was arrested, practically cutting two of his captors to pieces and dying some days later of his own wounds - to the great

relief of a government on such civil

social terms with his family. Tillyard is too kindly to give her Wooster the full Wodehouse treatment, but the mingling of Bertie and Eddy is as horrifying in history as it is hilarious in fiction. Tillyard's vast knowledge of Fitzgerald's mother and auats, displayed in her previous book Aristocrats, enlarges the Wodehouse analogy. Like Bertie's Aunt Dahlia, they must well have found Attila. Indeed, we may be unfair to Attila: at least he did not claim to liberate mankind by his massacres, or to have history canonise him as Attila

But Stella Tillyard concludes her many services by showing the ferocity of Fitzgerald's blue-bloodthirst. As Synge's Pegeen Mike learnt about her own playboy of the Western world. there's a great gap between a gallous story and a dirty deed. Citizen Lord bridges it elegantly.

Lost in France

Carole Angier acclaims the magical debut by a Russian Proust

Le Testament Français by Andrei Makine, translated by Geoffrey Strachan, Sceptre, £15.99

hen the young Russian narrator of Le Testament Français is about 14, he forms a strange friendship with the other pariah of his class, the dunce Pashka. He watches him fish through the ice of the Volga: afterwards, by their fire on the snowy bank, he tells tales of knights and hatties. One day he retells a poem instead, about a young boy determined to die in a Parisian uprising. Incredibly, Pashka leaps barefoot into the snow. trying to hide his tears. This. the narrator says, was the happiest day of his youth, which gave him his image of true literature: Pashka's blue legs thrust into a snowdrift. and the reflections of the

flames in his moist eyes. This novel is about such images and moments, and consists of them. It is about the true literature glimpsed that day; which, the narrator later discovers, is dead in France now. In fact it is dead in most times and places, since it is great literature. necessary and profound. Andrei Makine aims at such literature himself. And - in a leap as incredible as Pashka's – he achieves it. Le Testament Français is the first book ever to win both the Prix Goncourt and the Prix Médicis, and it deserves them.

We first meet the narrator when he is a child. We never learn his name, or what he looks like; but we inhabit his mind more intensely than any boy's mind since Murcel's in A la recherche du temps perdu. Proust's themes of time, literature and loss are Makine's; Proust's search for the eternal in the evanescent is his search: Proust's division between art and life, Swann's way and the Guermantes' way, is his division; and Proust's images the twin spires, the madeleine, the phrase of music – inspire Makine's relived moments.

The boy we meet is grandmother. In the winter he speaks Russian in a Siberian city which has abolished the past, and is out of hounds to foreigners. But every summer he and his sister visit the grandmother, Charlotte, in a dusty town on the edge of the steppe. Here they speak French; they explore Charlotte's suitcase of French newspapers; they sit on her narrow, flower-

covered balcony and listen to her memories of France.

This doubleness splits the boy in two. He becomes an observer, a visionary. France becomes his Lost Domain and, later, it becomes Eros to him. Only in French can he say, he "died in the arms of his mistress", or imagine "the rhythmic stirring of the water" when a master lifts a shivering maid from her bath. The intensity of his despair as he contemplates all the lost moments in lost lives, and of his joy when he relives such moments - these lift us up, shivering, too. We float with him on the little balcony above the steppe. watching his rich visions.

Still later, in adolescence, he briefly succumbs to the need to belong, to live in "real life" without other times and places. But if, for a short time, the story becomes more ordinary, the writing doesn't. As the boy gives up France and becomes "Russian", he is also becoming a man; and the passages in which he recognises in himself the possibility of raping and even killing a woman, and heats himself mercilessly for it, are among the most astounding in this astounding book.

What we have been following, of course, is the growth of a writer. His agonised and ecstatic pursuit of the past has also been the pursuit of a "new language" in which to express its recovery, a novelist's "language of amuzement" And when we remeet him in the last part, he has become a novelist. As he was once a French outsider in Russia, now he is a Russian outsider in France. He survives this poverty and humiliation by dreaming of bringing Charlotte back to France, and by working on a book called Charlotte Lemonnier. Biographical Notes. You do not want to know

(but perhaps can guess) returns. But the testament Français is hers, and instead of leaving the narrator an inheritance, it takes away the one he thought he had. That is the last meaning of Le Testament Français: that this book, like all great books, was written not because something was possessed - a home, a history – but because it has been lost, and must be reimagined.

Love you to death

Victoria Radin travels in Diaperland and meets a lethal Lolita

Love Invents Us by Amy Bloom, Picador, £15.99

few years ago Amy Bloom, who A is an American psychotherapist, published a collection of short stories which covered the waterfront as far as bad behaviour is concerned. Come to Me encompassed, in sleek pared-down prose, a transvestite hairdresser who wears a blonde wig to make joyous love with his superconventional client; a woman who conducts a long affair with the bless-ing of her husband, her lover's best friend; the sexual liaison of a stepson with his stepmother; a psychoanalyst who mates a client with her divorced son. What was graceful about these ies less rather than more than a lotof fiction - was the balance and compassion of the writing their generosity and refusal to take sides.

Two of the stories were somewhat less copiously endowed with these qualities. Curiously, it is these that Bloom selects as the bookends for her first novel. The story that, virtually unchanged, forms the first chapter of Love Invents Us is narrated by a chubby suburban primary-school girl who gets her first taste of power by taking off her clothes and modelling the wares of a middle-aged furrier. A good deal of facile sniping at her aspiring and emotionally absent parents seeps through the self-conscious and often smart-ass tone of voice. There is even, camouflaged under a derisively stiff upper lip, a

note of self-pity. One finds oneself paddling, one oar short of a punt, toward Diaperland, that intensely American island first sighted by J D Salinger, and malevolence, by the Sylvia Plath of The Bell Jar, Jayne Anne Phillips, Mona Simpson and now, it seems, by Kathryn Harrison's The Kiss. It is the world of the clever child as conceived by the adult and it lies close to arch-

ness and a cosmology of grievances. Following the furrier, Elizabeth takes up with her English teacher at junior high school. Her age would be about 12; her lover is well aware of the literary antecedent. For all that she cannot bear his touch, nor the sight of his pitilessly described flesh, she is screwing him by the time she is 15. Or, one gathers, he is stroking stories - which resembled case stud- and she is permitting, for she excels at eliciting the devotion you get when you withhold and manipulate. There is a minutely described but unprurient scene in which the saggy Max, whose shoulders sprout grey hairs and dark freckles, uses, a vibrator on Elizabeth, who responds in Cinemascope. Perhaps Max does it to gain some kind of power for himself; certainly to provoke some kind of sexual reaction. At any rate, it misfires.

Elizabeth is soon more properly in love with a fabulously-bodied black baseball player and spinning accounts of delirious adolescent sexuality. Nevertheless, the girl again withholds herself, this time through fear of pregnancy.

Where does the author stand in relation to her narrator? If the solution is meant to be found in the next section, which moves from Elizabeth's jerky verbal scrapbook sense of irony. Bloom also lets rip to the third person, it doesn't work. Max, a quite knowing Humbert, on love, which is intrinsically obsestakes the limelight, obscuring the sional and never many miles away



Amy Bloom: "world of the clever child as conceived by the adult"

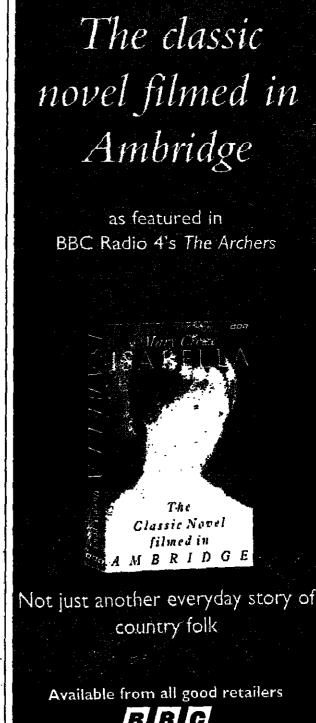
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The author is more at ease here, it. Elizabeth, who becomes a "burn- unrecognisable, but perhaps that is rewarding us with Max's Nabokovian out" at 24, returns to help him die the message. Or perhaps it is the sense of irony. Bloom also lets rip because even that is preferable to result of authorial transference or being alone.

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Bogie sold baby food and Duke hated horses

Roger Clarke finds out what a man's gotta do to become a movie myth

John Wayne: the politics of celebrity by Garry Wills, Faber, £20 Bogart: a life in Hollywood by Jeffrey Meyers, Deutsch, £17.99

the couple who best define Hollywood masculinity. Cal-ifornia-raised John Wayne (né Marion Morrison) embodies the lumbering green beret, Davy Crockett and most of all the cowboy. New Yorker Humphrey Bogart was slick urban man, inhabiting the world of gangsters and tuxedo-suited wise-guys. Both were men's men, and both were masquerading - Wayne as a being of light and Bogart as a being of darkness, when in real life the opposite was true. If Wayne really was "the American Adam", in the words of his new biographer, then Bogart was Cain, the troubled soul, the founder and inventor of the cityscape.

When, at the beginning of Wayne's career in the 1930s, director Raoul Walsh tried to fit him into the then customary moccasined, slightly effete version of a cowboy hero, it was a disaster. The same hopeless miscasting happened with Bogart's early roles as a tennis-playing romantic lead. As a result, both actors took a while to be noticed. John Ford initially thought Wayne a limited character actor: Jack Warner thought the same thing of Bogart.

the model for the all-American aspirant.

The general who chairs the Joint Chiefs immortalised Bogie's baby face for baggage, and no longer even belongs to

arion and Humphrey are still of Staff, John Shalikashvili, taught himself English by watching Wayne movies. Newt Gingrich, as a teenager, spent hours copying the Wayne walk (did his lesbian sister do so too?).

But there's a long and dangerous his-tory of walking the Wayne walk. Presi-dents Nixon and Reagan took their cues from Wayne whenever they felt like revenging the Alamo on the Far and Middle East. One US critic went so far as to suggest that Wayne's spirit of bravado so infected the leaders of America that it drew the country into the Vietnam conflict. "I gave my dead dick for John Wayne," claimed parahysed-from-the-waist-down Vietnam vet Kon Kovic - the paraplegic played by Tom Cruise in Oliver Stone's Born on the Fourth of July. Wayne, constantly humillated in public by John Ford for not serving in the armed forces, didn't represent America as such in films like Green Berets. He merely represented its unquenchable thirst for toy wars.

Jeffrey Meyers's Bogart: A Life in Hollswood is less terrifying in its fantasies. There are no vistas in Bogart movies, no lands to be conquered, no country to be created and sustained. A New York In Gary Wills's new biography, we are reminded again of all the things that a surgeon father and suffragette mother. don't add up about Wayne. In real life, Bogart had to cope with the dark side of he hated horses, avoided the draft and life sooner rather than later - his father's snobbishly aspired to join the Social morphine addiction and a sister's insan-Register of Los Angeles. Yet he remains ity, for example. He was also a celebrity



A hat trick by Clifton Webb (centre), Humphrey Bogart and Laurence Olivier, taken from 'Hollywood, A Photo Memoir' by Jean Howard (Abrams, £18.95)

Mellins Baby Food. Kicked out of school, he got his trademark scar on his lip while in service with the navy. (He made a more convincing film sailor than Wayne made a film soldier for the simple reason that he had been one.)

Bogart's fictive realm is still powerful. His fellow New Yorkers Woody Allen and Abel Ferrara have included homages to Bogart's European-style chiaroscuro in their movies. Thus Ferrara's recent The Funeral opens with a thrilling close-up of Bogart in a gangster role. We see the mafia hood played by Christopher Walken learning not the Wayne walk but the Bogart finger-stabbing sneer - not Wayne's expansive use making the same use of Wayne. Though his screen personae exemplify simplic-

the movies. John Wayne is real.

These are very different biographies. Wills is a seasoned cultural critic, and his writing is self-confident and entertaining, with many New Yorker style verbal flourishes. There's little about Wayne the man here, and almost no dimestore psychology at all. I found it hard, though, to work out exactly where he was coming from and what his beef might be. Is

he for or against Wayne? Meyers on Bogart is more conventional. A well-known biographer of writers, he reveals a desire to compare Bogart with Hemingway that becomes part of an irritating literary tic. Yet when Hemingway finally pops up as a friend of space but Bogart's economy. It's of Bogart's, the friendship is bafflingly hard to imagine a modern film-maker not described, in spite of the lengthy prologue that details spurious links drama. Wayne is merely a proposition: (both their fathers had offices "on the ity, he carries overwhelming cultural first floor") between writer and actor. or less meaning than the Stars and Equally irritating is the seepage of bits Stripes itself.

from Mevers's other biographies. Who cares if the Bogart marriage was like that of Frieda and D H Lawrence, and what is the origin of the notion that the plot of Dark Victory borrows from Lawrence's novella St Maur? Such comparisons have no meaning to anyone except Meyers himself in his private scholastic universe.

Wills tries to argue that Wayne is a genuine icon overlooked by culture snobs - but icons are flawed intercessors of grace rather than deities themselves. Perhaps Wayne is symbol rather than icon, and a symbol for very crass things that have little to do with film.

Bogart will always continue to appeal to film buffs, and it's easy to see why. He is a complex being composed of bad and good, a synthesis, a creature of psychic drama. Wayne is merely a proposition:

Paperbacks



By Christopher Hirst and Emma Hagestadt

Life on Mars by Alexander Stuart (Black Swan, £6.99) After being commissioned in 1990 to profile boxer Nigel Benn in Florida, Stuart never got round to using the return air ticket. His highly enjoyable memoir of Miami is charged with the steamy eccentricity and sexiness of this most unAmerican of US cities. Stuart's new chums include a drag star and a reflective part-time gangster. But far more scary than the fleshpots of Miami Beach is a phantasmagoric visit to Disneyworld.

Dinosaur in a Haystack by Stephen Jay Gould (Penguin, £9.99) The 34 essays in Gould's seventh collection maintain an astonishing level of polymathic curiosity. In three neighbouring examples, Gould explores an unexpected bestseller by Edgar Alian Poe called The Conchologist's First Book; explains why printers traditionally portray righthanded shells the wrong way round; and trashes Jurassic Park. From the most arcane research, he reveals the astonishing diversity of nature and the

Bradman by Charles Williams (Abacus, £7.99) This acclaimed biography of cricket's greatest star will enthral even those who are perplexed by the game. Williams combines his subtle reluctant hero with a vivid account of

fallibility of its

interpreters.

Australia coming of age. Central to the story is the heated sporting rivalry with the mother-country. Victorious so often, the "Don" was thwarted during the "Bodyline" series of 1933. "We nearly didn't do it," admitted the English captain Jardine. That little man was bloody good,"

The innocence of Roast Chicken by

Jo-Anne Richards (Review, £6.99) Honeyed porridge and swimming pools is how Kate remembers her Sixties childhood in the Eastern Cape. But 20 years on, and even with the end of apartheid in sight, life has never quite matched up. Refusing to wear ANC T-shirts, or share her husband's euphoria at the new era's arrival she almost pushes her marriage to the edge. As coming of age stories go, this isn't one of the greats, but it's nice to see South Africa through the eyes of

generation. Flamingo Book of New Scottish Writing 1997 (£5.99) Luckily not all the stories in this year's collection are small talk in a

quite as spunky as John Aberdien's "Spermy McClung" - of which ah dinna git a single snappit oot until ah red oot loud. More direct are Paula Fitzpatrick's story about a woman told to "bugger off" when she attempts maternity ward, and Leslie Hill's tale of an old dear who ends it all, Thelma and Louise style, by driving off the end of

a pier into the sea.

Verse under fire

Independent choice: European poetry by Michael Glover

o extreme circumstances – experiencing war at first hand, or living under the heel of some villain like Ceausescu – help to generate great poetry? Not necessarily. On the other hand, there's no denying that putting sensitive blooms under the cosh can help to get the best out of them from time to time. Look what a bit of bruising reality on the Western Front did for that sometime neo-Keatsian Wilfred Owen, for example, during the last year of his life. Four European poets with

new volumes published here have all made poems in the teeth of barbarous public behaviour. The Bosnian Serb Goran Simic survived, with his Muslim wife and two small children, the terrible three-year siege of Sarajevo. The Romanian poet Liliana Ursu was refused permission to travel. That great longdistance runner of German poetry. Hans Magnus Enzensberger, grew up in Nazi Nuremberg. And the Serbian poet Vasko Popa, who died before the collapse of Tito's Yugoslavia, had nonetheless lived through three years of a vicious civil war in the 1940s.

All this may seem rather enviable to western poets. who (in Calvino's words) live in societies where literatute is allowed to vegetate as an

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Sprinting from the Graveyard

'Look what a bit of bruising reality did for Wilfred Owen'

innocuous pastime, never regarded as threatening or risky. In the west, poetry is a private diversion, no more destabilising than doing something different on the

allotment this spring.
Simic's concrete backyard was strewn with skulls and ordure. The English poems that David Harsent has made from the Serbo-Croatian riginals in Sprinting from the Graveyard (Oxford, £7.99) are harsh, fractured and quite frightening - like the taste of rusted metal in the mouth. In one poem, Simic speaks of his wish to have his poems come as close

not the well-made poems that attention reveals them to be but notes tied to a piece of ragged string hanging down from some shattered window.

Harsent's method of translation - if you can call common sense a method - has helped to bring these poems into English in an utterly convincing way. Beginning with prose cribs he has sought not so much to make slavishly faithful reproductions of the originals but new poems in English out of all this horror, wrenching, twisting, borrowing like some poet-magpie. Michael Hamburger's

approach to Enzensberger in his new collection Kiosk (Bloodaxe, £7.95) has been quite different. Hamburger is an expert translator from the German, who produced the same poet's excellent Selected Poems for Bloodaxe three years ago. He behaves like a master mimic - or like some dancer's shadow on the wall. Hamburger follows not only the elegant shapeliness of Enzensberger's public arguments about human reason and injustice, the unnatural nature of rational behaviour. He also carries into English, by means of rhythm and stanza-shaping, the way that Enzensberger conceives his effects across the entire canvas of a poem. It's also pleasing that Bloodaxe is keeping up to date with the output of such an important European

poet - Kiosk was first published as recently as 1995. Something has gone a lit-tle wrong with The Sky Behind the Forest (Bloodaxe, to unembellished reportage £7.95), Liliana Ursu's collector las possible. This is how they tion-length debut in English.

read - seemingly jagged and It reads in part like a failure fragmentary, as if they were on the part of its co-translators, Tess Gallagher and Adam J Sorkin. What exactly is wrong here? For a start, Ursu is a poet of great personal intensity, passionate about the state and its wrongdoings, equally passionate about the things of the flesh. Too often this comes over into English as a kind of unshapely gush of feelings.

The translators, desperate to keep up with the poet's restless shifts of metaphor, seldom convince the reader that any particular turn of phrase is the apposite one. The result is that the poems too often meander along in a somewhat humdrum fashion. Though the images may be sharp, the rhythms are too often broken-backed.

Vasko Popa's Collected Poems (translated by Anne Pennington and revised by Francis R Jones, Anvil, £25) read rather like the sudden, shocking appearance of a box by the artist Joseph Cornell. perfectly functioning metaworld set in our much larger context of human relationships, political shenanigans and general throat-clearings.

There are two reasons for this: an addiction to the coded language of parable favoured by many of those embattled Eastern European poet-hero types so beloved of and envied by the likes of Al Alvarez, and a passionate engagement with the beguilingly obscure myths and mysteries of Serbian folk literature. If anyone wanted to know where Ted Hughes's Crow came from, they could do worse than start from

A modem miss from cyberspace

Cosmo Landesman is won over by the digital dream scene

Hard, Soft & Wet by Melanie McGrath, HarperCollins, £16.95

love affair with digital culture. America, Youth, Modernity, a computer called Apple and a boy called Mac.
Judging this book by its coverline - "the digital generation comes of age" - I was quick to conclude that here's virtually real person). She has one for every cyber-bore in Britain. But I wuz wrong. McGrath is such a good writer that even a cynical Luddite the Net ... but soon find myself like me could love her book.

Visiting America, Melanie discovers computer culture and quickly becomes a bornagain cyber-babe. Clearly, online chat and other technoopiates filled an existential hole in her world. "I must have felt the need to join in the game ... fill up the empty hours . of my adult life."

Although she goes through a brief period of computer addiction, it's the digital dream she's really hooked on; the promise of a bright, brilliant future full of infinite possibility. And that future is being forged now by a new generation. The book's premise is simple: if you wanna see tomorrow, then check out the hi-tech kids of today.

That's exactly what McGrath has done. She's created a travel book that's all about looking for a faraway country called the future. *Hard, Šoft & Wet* represents a perfect match between form and content. For what is a travel book but a printed form of virtual reality - the chance old who doesn't know the there's an infinite number of

I ard. Soft & Wet is the for us to experience strange story of one woman's places and people from the safety and sloth of home? As a tour guide, McGrath is

a state-of-the-art VR helmet. (Her best friend Nancy - one of the most vivid and likeable people in the book - actually turns out to be a composite, a a sharp ear and eye for dialogue and detail: "I flip through Nancy's manual of struggling for comprehension... ftp. tcp, pop, ppp. I mean, what is all that? It sounds like radio interference". She also has - which net-heads never have - a nice dry sense of humour. When Nancy contemplates a future where "the digital revolution is just a rerun of The Stepford Wives", McGrath replies, "Well, whatever happens they can't take baking and periods

It must have been tempting for her to stay at home, sit in front of her screen and see the world. But like an old-fashioned reporter she decides to go out and talk to people on this new frontier for herself which itself admits the limitations of computer power. With McGrath, we get the digital grand tour - Silicon Valley, MIT. Interactive cinemas, Internet Cafés in Iceland, amusement arcades in Bristol, techno clubs in East Berlin and the computer bandit scene

from us.

We meet Alex, a three-year-



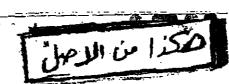
Melanie McGrath: 'lost her religion and found herself'

alphabet yet but can navigate around star systems in virtual reality. There's Isaac - another "futuristic prototype" - who at 14 has his own computer consultancy business; and then there's a whole army of young hackers. techno-pagans, arcade hustlers, virus pro-

grammers, geeks and sadsacks. So what are tomorrow's adults like? Are they a new breed? Sweet kids or scary monsters? McGrath is too smart to go in for simple generalisations - which doesn't exactly help the book's premise, but never mind. To me they seem a freaky cocktail of the puerile and precocious. The trouble with this generation is that they sit around saying things like, "Every time you have a thought it's like new universes are created and universes bifurcating and it's a Telsa." It all sounds like geek

Instead of this portrait-of-a-generation stuff, I preferred the story of McGrath's own life. Usually revolutions like the digital one begin with a bang and end in a backlash. And there has been a growing literature of digital disenchantment. But this book is not another one of those American Been-There-Done-That-It-Sucks polemics.

The older and wiser McGrath concludes. "The Net is a Peter Pan machine, the screech and the bubble of the modem always promising some new identity, some novel reconstruction." McGrath hasn't burned out and become angry: she's simply grown up.



Fans have been waiting 25 years for Thomas Pynchon's period epic. Was it worth it? Yes, argues Zachary Leader if you have the stamina

Mason and Dixon by Thomas Pynchon,

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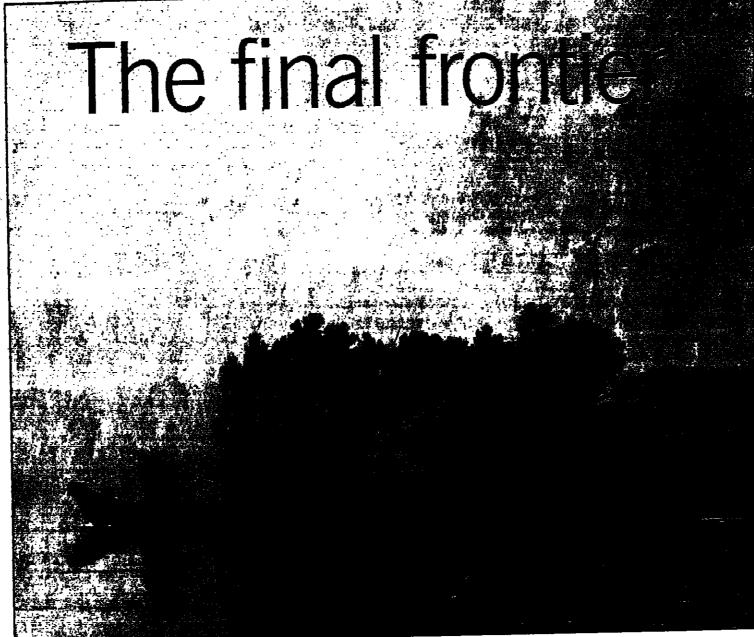
ecording to the Thomas Pynchon Web site, Pynchon's first four novels -V (1963). The Crying of Lot 49 (1965). Gravity's Rainbow (1973), and Vincland (1990) - fall into two categories: Difficult, and Very Difficult. Mason and Dixon, which has a US print-run of 200,000 copies, falls into both. Though its 773 pages are jammed with areane incident, the main lines of the plot, drawn from history, are comparatively simple. In the first third of the novel, the astronomer Charles Mason (1728-1786) and the surveyor Jeremiah Dixon (1733-1779) are commissioned by the Royal Society to observe a rare astronomical phenomenon, the Transit of Venus. The date is 1761, the setting the Cape of Good Hope, later the island of St Helena. In these latitudes, the protagonists encounter slavery, ketchup, dope, and a museum containing Jenkins' Ear, described by Pynchon as

"erect," "vibrating," and "flirtatious." Two years later, a second commission takes Mason and Dixon to America to produce the famous Line, a 244-mile boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland that eventually divided South from North, Slave from Free, This second section of the novel is by far its longest, and almost wholly without narrative tension. Mason and Dixon survey a stretch of border, bicker, meet a robot duck, a French chef, a Chinese Feng Shui master (in flight from the Jesuits), a giant Eel, a giant Golem, a giant Worm (like the giant Adenoid in Gravity's Rainbow, or the giant, lab-stomp-

ing Saurian in Vineland) - and so on. Four years into the expedition, Indian opposition halts the Line 36 miles short of its intended terminus. So back the party goes to Philadelphia. a no-less laid-back progress that involves yet more symbolic encounters, such as those with Stig the Swedish irredentist or Zepho Beck the "Were-

beaver," a victim of kastoranthropy.

The novel ends with a brief, redemptive coda or "Last Transit". Mason and Dixon return to England and re-establish ties with parents and children. Before Dixon dies he and Mason express a new and affecting tenderness, "sit for a while in what might be an Embrace". Though they have spent their lives "in the service of a Flag whose Colors we never saw", feeding through their skill a rapacious and amoral system based on division, distinction, demarcation, they are to be pitied, even admired. The mellow good-heartedness of Vineland - 100 soft for fastidious postmodernists ovine, annulis, trebuchet, macaronickal, riparian.



attack on reason, authority, commerce.

This attack draws deeply on Pynchon's fascination with science and technology, which allies Mason and Dixon with V and Gravity's Rainbow. In place of quantum mechanics and rocket science we get astronomy and land surveying. There is much talk of precession, refraction, triangulation, parallaxes. The metaphoric properties of astronomy, cartography and topography are artfully inter-woven, as are associated historical figures. Several extended jokes depend on dizzying horological conundrums, as when two clocks converse or a watch bites a thief's finger.

Then there's the massed research. Pynchon is reputed to have taken a quarter-century to write this book much of it, it is now clear, spent hunched over other books. Inkhorn terms abound: ort, - lives on, for all the rigour and ingenuity of the The most fantastical details are rooted in fact:

'There are no real villains in the novel, only dupes and pawns'

Jenkins's flirtatious Ear appears because Pynchon knows Robert Jenkins was appointed Governor of St Helena in 1741. The robot duck who first attacks and then falls for Armand Allegre, the French chef (victimised by the fame of his duck dishes, "those old canards"), is also historical, the creation of Jacques de Vaucanson (1709-1782), a earth," explains Captain Zhang, "Boundaries fol-

scientist hailed by Voltaire as a modern Prometheus (a title Mary Shelley borrowed for

As for the Feng Shui master and his Jesuit pursuers, they too derive from history. It was the Jesuits who introduced China to Western astronomy, cartography, clockwork and other exotica. Feng Shui, which means harmony between man and nature, was the ideology of their antimodemising enemies. So it makes sense for Captain Zhang, the Feng Shui master, not only to describe the Mason-Dixon Line as "a Conduit for what we call Sha, or, as they say in Spanish California, Bad Energy," but to be pursued by Father Zarpazo, the Wolf of Jesus, who wants him returned to captivity in a Jesuit monastery in Quebec.

The Line, and the system that spawned it, vio-

The 'half-civilised, half-savage life of the frontiersman captured by George Caleb Bingham in Fur Traders Descending the Missouri' 1845, in Edward Lucie-Smith's 'American Realism' (Thames & Hudson)

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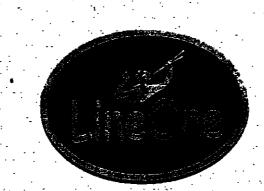
low Nature - coast-lines, ridgetops, river-banks - so honoring the Dragon or Shan within, from which Land-Scape ever takes its form. To mark a right Line upon the Earth is to inflict upon the Dragon's very Flesh, a sword-slash, a long, perfect scar." This helps explain the dragon-like creatures (giant Eel, giant worm) haunting the story and threatening the characters' sanity. Dixon describes his fear of open spaces ("Rum

affliction for a Surveyor," comments Mason), in terms that recall these creatures, "as an incentive, to enclose that which had hitherto been without form, and hence haunted by anything and ev rything". Before meeting Mason, Dixon has enclosed the fields of Co Durham (driving small farmers and labourers off the land), a process whose social costs in the name of modernisation and reason are clear.

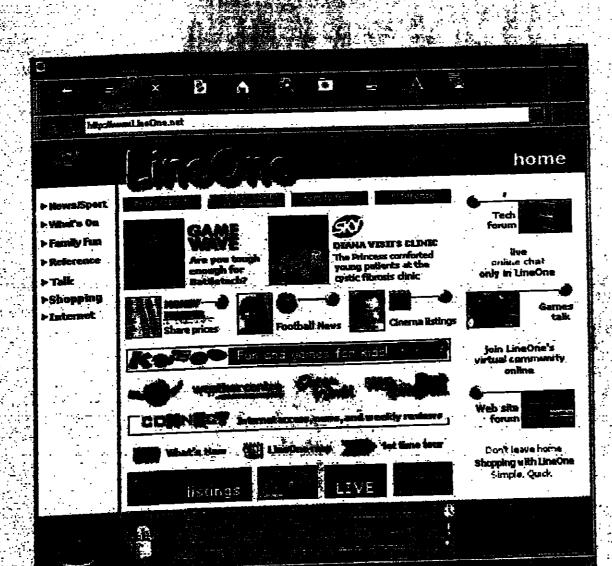
Yet Dixon is brave as well as fearful, and he hates slavery. In one of the best scenes, Mason prevaricates as Dixon rounds on a Virginia slaver and threatens to kill him. "No! Please," the slaver wails, "My little ones! O Tiffany! Jason!" The jokey deflation is characteristic, marking even the slaver as a hapless cog. There are no real villains in the novel, only dupes and pawns. Oppression flows from shadowy, impersonal agencies: the Royal Society, the East India Company, the Masons, the Jesuits, the Castle, the Desk, Nor is God much of a presence. Though Mason, a Deist, thinks of his astronomical measurements as "steps of an unarguable approach to God, a growing clarity", he's as much in the dark by the novel's end as Dixon.

The story is narrated after the fact, in 1786, by the American expedition's chaplain, the Rev Wicks Cherrycoke (other good made-up names include Lud Oafery, Don Foppo de Pin-Heado and the frigate HMS Unreflective) and its idiom is 18th-century pastiche. There is much flourishing of capitals and contractions, as well as antique spelling; but also dozens of comic anachronisms ("multiplex." "Proclamation-Shmocklamation").

Anachronism, or seeming anachronism, figures also in more extended jokes, as when the real-life 18th-century Jesuit astronomer Father Lemaire cooks pizza, or a Chinese astronomer in the reign of one of the Hia Emperors goes hang-gliding, or George Washington's black-Jewish slave Gershom does stand-up. That many of these moments are not only funny but thematically relevant, like the "comic relief" in Shakespeare, is typical of the novel's exhausting brilliance. Readers with stamina



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High season at Eden-on-sea

A paradise of fruit and fish awaits you in the Cook Islands. And there's this guy called Bruce... By Malcolm Senior

banana is beyond compare. Alas, due to market economics the only place to eat it is in the islands themselves.

Travelling halfway around the world for a piece of fruit may be an eccentric reason to visit Rarotonga - but there are others. The Cook Islands stretch over a huge expanse of Pacific Ocean, south of the equator and east of the International Dateline. In spite of this apparent remoteness, the Cook Islands are the most accessible part of Polynesia. A direct flight with a brief stopover in Los Angeles is all that separates Britain from the laid-back life of

And the islands need you right now; after all, they are technically bankrupt. Not that you'd notice. For, as one local told me, all you need to live simply is here.

You want fish? You wade into the lagoon that surrounds the island. You want fruit? Well, take your pick. Paw-paw - you bang that tree. Mango - it's the next one along. Thirsty? Then it's the coconut routine, for the best liquid that nature can offer. And then there are the bananas.

So why are the Eden-like Cook Islands bankrupt? The reason can he put down to a fiasco of a joint business deal involving the government and an Italian group to build a huge Sheraton resort hotel on the southern part of Rarotonga. All was going well until a few years ago, when investigations into corruption began in Milan and the rest of Italy; then the promised millions to build this example of Euro-Polynesian co-operation suddenly dried up. Now the only inhabitants of the half-built complex are packs of dogs that amble about from one shaded palm to another.

Just up the road from the Sheraton, a new place to stay has been set up. Bruce Young and his Cook Island aristocrat of a wife, Nga, have four chalets available for hire, operating under the name of

at, freckled and full of Daydreamer. The spotless, spacious rooms with air-conditioning would be reasons enough to recommend staying there, but Daydreamer's strongest feature is Bruce himself. Perpetually clad in vest and shorts, he is the very definition of the avuncular host.

From the moment that he meets you at the airport, where you are bundled into a sweet-smelling lei. or floral necklace, to the time of your departure, Bruce will keep you occupied. There is the grand tour of the island, done in a battered Ford estate, where the island's history is mixed with a spot of cricket-watching, a trip to the hardware store and an exclusive visit to a mate's garage, before ending up at the game fisherman's hoat, where Bruce will gieefully admit never to going fishing

coral in a shallow lagoon. Less than a minute of wading will get you to beautiful coral gardens, full of mostly affable, multicoloured fish. Best of all, if you get tired there is no swim back to the shore - instead, you simply plant your feet on the sandy bottom and have a rest, contemplating the clear skies around you and the beach a

few yards away. Mind you, there is one thing to warn you of as you muse on your good fortune. Rarotonga lagoon has the most fearless parrotfish I've encountered. These brightly coloured chaps are no more than a few inches long, but are fiercely territorial. At the earliest opportunity one will come charging out from a coral crevice, with nothing but marine evil in its small mind. My attempts to scare one away, by

ment of the tab at each of the many spots that will serve a beer. As for the evening, there is always the chance of one of Bruce's many barbecues, where the guest's role beer, and then eat as much as pos-

Across the circular road which is Rarotonga's M25, and just up from Bruce's Daydreamer, is some of the best snorkelling on an island that is abundant with accessible

himself because he gets seasick. forlornly beating my snorkel at it The only charge made is the pay- as it puffed out its fishy chest, were met with contempt

If all this feverish activity has given you a hunger that cannot be satisfied even by the Cook island banana, then rejoice. Rarotonga is is to provide some food and more blessed with at least three excellent restaurants, the best of which is the Flame Tree. A journey to it is not easily forgotten, either. Most diners take the round-the-island bus, which ferries everyone around throughout the day for a few dollars. Having caught sight of the of bananas?

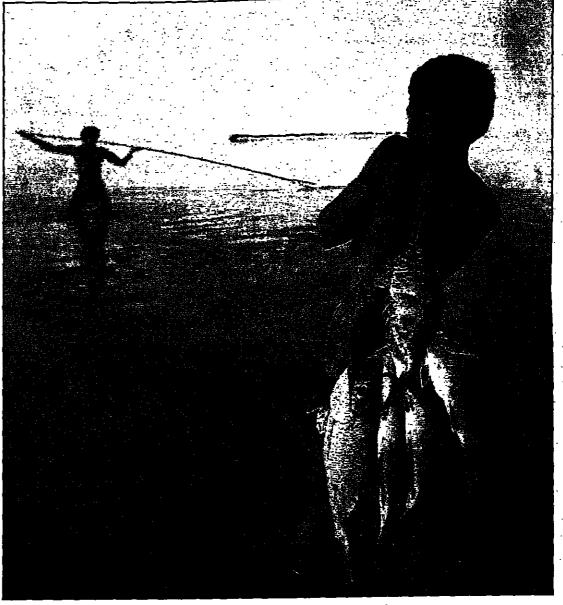
restaurant in the near distance, visitors become alarmed as the bus turns down what looks like little more than a dusty track. The concern grows as the driver appears hell-bent on taking his bus and passengers to a watery grave as the ocean looms. A sharp left reveals rugby posts on a playing field right next to the Pacific Ocean and the bus bumps to the far corner, before emptying its bewildered customers to the back door of the restaurant. "I'll be back at 10.15," shouts the driver as the diners disappear into the dark.

The Flame Tree is run by Sue Carruthers, a Kenyan, who named her superb restaurant after the trees that bloom scarlet at the height of the southern hemisphere summer. The food is a South Pacific melting-pot of some European cuisine mixed with Southeast Asian styles and made with local fruit and vegetables. The restaurant is airy, and its dining area is surrounded by small pools, and linked with specially made

footbridges.

Speedy diners, waiting for the return bus and arriving early to the corner of a far-flung field that will be forever a bus queue, have the prospect of a sumptuous night sky to gaze at. Vast numbers of bright stars seemingly at fingertip prox-imity, swished around with what looks like wispy cotton wool.

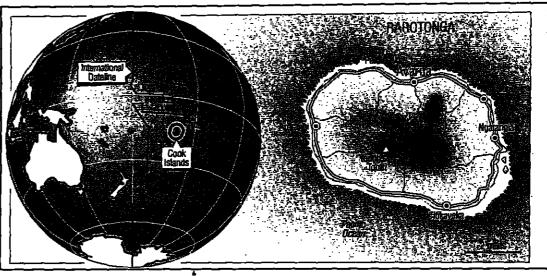
There are things to do, if this prospect is not enough to keep you occupied. The sharp, tooth-shaped ridges of rocky hills that from the centre of the island allow for one trans-island path, and a hard, sweaty slog over the narrow pass between two of the island's larger hills. Again, the round-the-island bus will pick you up from either end. But much the most pleasant form of exercise is to borrow Bruce's rusting mountain bike and pedal around the island, working up just enough of a sweat to warrant vet another dip in the warm waters of the lagoon before flopping down on to a towel on the empty beach. Now, where's my bag



Want fish? You simply wade into the lagoon that surrounds the island

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travel cover.



Getting there

Air New Zealand (0181-741 2299) has a connection to Rarotonga each Friday from London Heathrow via Los Angeles. The journey time is just short of 24 hours. The lowest official fare for travel in May or June is £794 including UK tax, but the discount agency Flightbookers (0171-757 2444) quotes £752. A round-the-world itinerary, including a stop at Rarotonga, is available for only a little more. Malcolm Senior paid £845 to Austravel (0171-734 7755) for a London-Auckland ticket, travelling out on Air New Zealand via Rarotonga and returning on Britannia.

Sleeping and eating

Malcolm Senior paid 77 Cook Island dollars (equivalent to New Zealand dollars, £33) per night to stay at the Daydreamer. You can book direct on 00 682 25965. Austravel's new South Pacific brochure includes details of more expensive hotels, such as the Rarotongan Resort, costing £80 per room per night.

South Pacific Hundbook by David Stanley (Moon, £14.95); Rurotonga and the Cook Islands by Nancy Keller and Tony Wheeler (Lonely Planet, £6.95).

I hen I was a security guard frisking passengers at Gatwick airport. The Independent had not been born. If it had, perhaps I would have discovered mung beans, screwdrivers or empty wine box inners among readers' cabin baggage. After my request for your travel essentials

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(besides passport, ticket and cash) these exotic items were among readers' responses.

The story so far: every traveller, whether to Torquay or Tegucigalpa, faces the same challenge: to carry possessions stylishly, comfortably and securely. In recent years my valuables have been removed by

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villains in Barcelona, Cartagena, New Orleans and Havana (the latter two in the same week), and frankly I was getting fed up. So The Independent teamed up with the youth and student travel specialist STA Travel to present a challenge to some of Britain's brightest young designers, and the Central St

Martin's School of Art. The winning design was the 'amazing armband' devised

by Rachel Atkinson, which conceals valuables close to your skin. Money can't buy this summer's top travel fashion accessory - but 10 were specially made up for readers who came up with the most original travel essentials.

Judging the entries took onger than the average count in most constituencies, but after several recounts these winners emerged:

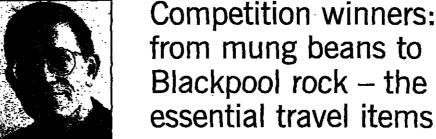
Fabian Acker, London SE22: "A screwdriver to (a) force open sealed windows in airconditioned hotel rooms, (b) disconnect loudspeakers from lifts, lavatories and



Simon Calder

It's good for washing socks and pants so I can reduce the number I pack, and it has the bonus that the lid makes a watertight sink plug in most basins for soaking, and for saving water, PS: I don't work for Procter & Gamble!"

Matthew Cole, Manchester: "A pack of cards. They help



while away delays at airports and stations, and, in extremis, you can try to increase your cash reserves with a game of

Mrs I White, SRN, London SE3: "A pack of three condoms, just in case. Being a family planning nurse, I spread the word - not disease. It can be open to misinterpretation, but better that risk than any other!"

Iohn Prosser, Blackpool: Blackpool rock. People in many parts of the world have never seen (or tasted) апуthing like it. Puts the town

Tilly Willis, of Taunton:
"When travelling in regions where fresh vegetables are not always readily available, eg the desert or the former Soviet Union in winter, I take a small bag of dry mung beans. By adding a little water to a handful of beans in a sealable jar, you'll have, within a few hours, once the beans have softened, a crisp, nutritious snack, packed with vitamins. Convenient, highly portable and no cooking required." [Ms Willis kindly

beans - very nice, too.] Alexandra Harley, London

supplied a snack's worth of

instrument essential. Violins and recorders are most appropriate. Both of these I play particularly badly; when busking I can raise a great deal of money very quickly in order that I move on.'

Michael Stace, Tonbridge: "Gaffer tape can do anything, from mending holes in luggage to administering Apollo XIII-type repairs to broken-down vehicles."

Roger Sawtell, Northampton: "South of Suez, water is seldom plentiful. A used wine box inner makes a useful water store with tap. Costs nothing, packs flat. Weighs about 50g, much lighter than the traditional wine-skin made from a dead goat"

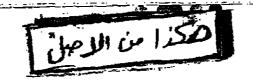
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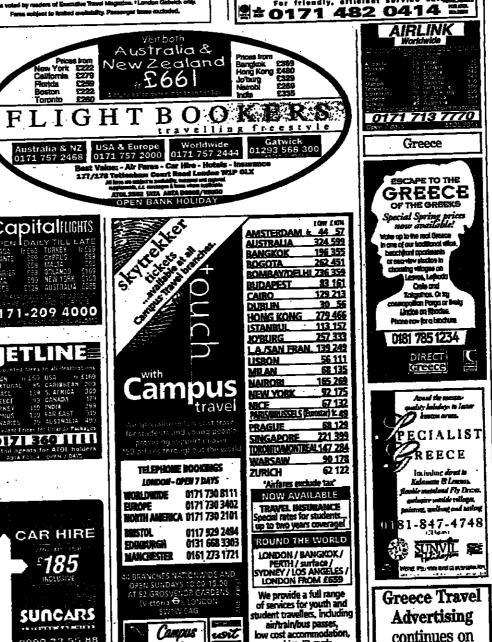
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Island hopping in steps

It's all action in Greece: Michael Williams sets out on foot, while, opposite, Louise Jury succumbs to the lure of the sea

et's be blunt about touring the Greek islands. If you didn't have to get around by boat (with your head full of adman's copy about timeless places, the winedark sea, tavernas and fishing boats). you would not willingly visit the ragbag of concrete villages that comprise the island ports.

Admittedly, people have been known to cry at the first sight of Symi at nightfall, with the lights in the windows of the tiers of Neo-Classical villas staggered around an almost perfect marine amphitheatre. And then there's the entrance to Rhodes harbour through the imaginary feet of the Colossus, or the smack-in-the-face sheer cliffs of Santorini's volcano. But most island ports are drab affairs full of dust, rucksacks and the smell of overcooked souvlaki. The answer is to walk away.

A walking tour of the Greek islands may sound like the equivalent of a boat-ing holiday in the Himalayas, but it is not as absurd as it sounds. Regard the islands for what they are - a palaeolithic mountain formation, where the sea has filled the valleys – and with judicious ing houses spread out like a snow bank use of feet and ferries you can see the real Greece that is puffed in the of the perfect Greek island village is brochures, but almost invariably disappoints when you disembark.

The perfect case is Folegandros, a spiny 15km island in the southern from the bakers with sticks of bread. Cyclades. After 10 gut-wrenching hours on a pensioned-off cross-Channel hulk. you pull in at the little port of Livanassi. with a concrete pension, a couple of repair - this is the place to start some



Walk away from the port at Folegandros and you find yourself in a quiet, timeless world

lined with limp palm trees and covered the rules for Greek island treks are a with what look suspiciously like sea urchins. You would probably stay on the of sorts every night. Both are easy to boat were it not for that glimpse of a whitewashed village spread like icing sugar on the distant clifftop.

Like many Aegean islands ravaged by centuries of pirate raids or Turkish invasions. Folegandros has preserved her treasures in the interior. An hour's trek along a dried-up stream bed takes you to Chora, the capital, with gleamhere: cats snoozing among geranium pots, old men in the kafencion underthe plane tree, black widows scurrying

Tempting though it was to stay - easy enough, when I visited, as the only bus had been dispatched to Athens for

swim at the end of every day and a bed

Folegandros is like being in a low-flying aircraft, with the eye-scorching glimmer of the Aegean on both sides and the wind beating like a slipstream round your ears. It is also like travelling back in time. In the hum of a hot afternoon, following a mule train of what looked like moving haystacks, I met Nikitas Marinakis, one of the last barley croppers of the Cyclades, following a trade that Odysseus would have recognised.

Including a night's stay in a taverna on the coast, and another up by the windmills in the hilltop village of Ano Meria, you can get to the northern tip of the island in three easy days. This, for me, included swimming from a sandy beach inhabited only by a naked,

cypress tree. The locals said he was a bit touched; I thought, probably touched by good fortune.

From here you can see Sikinos, your Striding across the humpback of next mountain, rising out of the sea. Olegandros is like being in a low-flying You have to hike back to the Folegandros port to get the ferry, but this can be done in a day along the main road, and the ferry is only half-an-hour's ride. You can walk across Sikinos in two

days, and tempting though it is to stay (this is one of the most unspoilt islands , having had a ferry landing stage for only a couple of years), you should round off the trip with one of the best walking islands in Greece. Though the mountains of Amorgos

can be seen across the horizon, it has no direct link with Sikinos, and a night must he spent in Naxos changing ferries. But it is worth the trouble: the hike along the ridge from the port of Katapola in the west to Egiali in the east is among the shuttered tavernas and a shingly beach serious walking. (Well, not that serious: Pan-like figure who lived under a best in the islands, and from here you PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL WILLIAMS

can plonk yourself into a ferry berth back to Piraeus to recover.

Even easy hiking like this should take account of certain safeguards: go preferably in spring or autumn, and even then seek out a handy olive tree at midday; always carry at least a litre of water, wear a hat and cotton trousers rather than shorts; and never assume that the bark of a Greek country dog is worse than its bite.

Though one suspects that most island Greeks would be happier if their islands were ploughed up for Aroads so that they could exercise their Mitsubishis and motorbikes at full tilt, there is still an atavistic respect for walkers. After the statutory inquiry about how many children you have, the next is always: "How did you get here?" Even if you cannot report that you have any sons, the answer, "Me ta podia" - on foot - will always be a response that delights.

Greecing the wheels

Most scheduled flights between the UK and Greece operate between London (Heathrow or Greece operate between London (Heathrow or Gatwick) and Athens on British Airways (0345 222111), Olympic Airways (0171-409 3400) and Virgin Atlantic (01293 747747). In early summer, British Airways has a World Official fill phus a massive £18.90 tax - Greece charges more departure tax than any other EU country. For this price, you must book by 14 May, and at the price was ready in advance of travel. least two weeks in advance of travel.

Thessaloniki, served daily on BA via Stuttgart. and direct four times a week on Olympic, costs £181.90 including tax.

For travel from places outside London, and/or to reach destinations in the islands and elsewhere in Greece, the only prospect for a non-stop flight is a charter. For example, Unijet (0990-114114) has flights to Corfu in June from Gattick.

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Ferry 'cross the Aegean
Out of season (October to June) there are at least
three boats a week from Piraeus to Felegandros
and Sikinos. The least bad is the Milos Express (in a previous incarnation the Sixties bails Sealink ferry Vortingen). Careful study of timetables should also give three connections a week between Sikinos and Amorgos, via Naxos.

Your constant companion should be the estimable Greek Island Hopping 1997 by Frewin Poffley (Thomas Cook, £12.95). Not only is this a comprehensive survey of Greek ferry services, it is also a joy to read. A warning from the chapter "Planning an Itinerary", for example: "Build a two-week itinerary along the lines of on Tuesday we'll arrive at the port at 14.20, giving us a free 20 minutes to sup a pint of ouzo before catching the 14.45 boat, and the chances are you will come unstuck sooner rather than later. You would also end up extremely drunk. Greece is a casual country, so on the Tuesday afternoon or evening we'll catch a ferry' approach will be far more successful."

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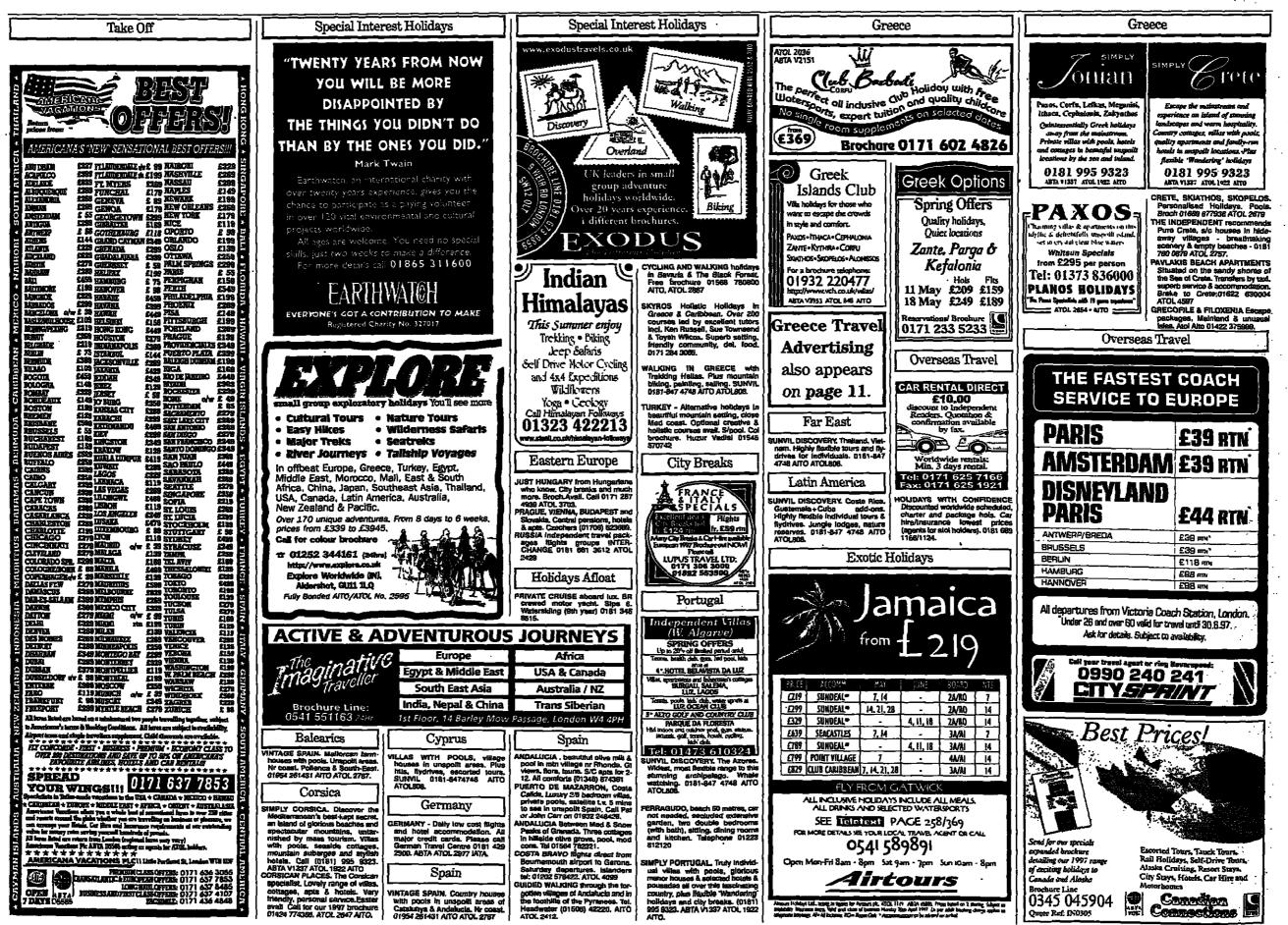
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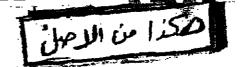
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Where to learn to sail in perfect conditions? The Peloponnese, says Louise Jury

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As a novice dinghy sailor, it was gratifying to watch the big boys falling in. It was also terrifying. Swerving in and out of the waves, with water skidding the surface of the dinghy in sheets, there seemed every chance of plunging beneath at any moment. The wind was God. It was

nerve-tinglingly invigorating.

Despite growing up only a mile from the sea, I had never sailed before. In my mind's eye, sailing was a cross between an Arthur Ransome adventure of jolly little

boats on English lakes, and sophisticated, chiantifuelled trips in the Mediterranean.

Then a friend who had spent her childhood messing around on rivers found a holiday firm that undertook to remind her how to do it all over again, and to teach me from scratch. My opportunity had arrived. I had only hazy notions of what I was letting myself in

for. But one week after walking into the travel agent's, we were on a plane to Greece.

A two-hour coach transfer from Athens took us across the Corinth canal, through winding mountain roads to the Peloponnese town of Portobeli, where the subtle boat-navigating arts of tacking and gybing were to be imparted.

Starting with the basics, we learnt how to rig Toppers and Wayfarers, progressing to Lasers and faster, trickier boats with alarming-looking harnesses for the more ambitious. With varying degrees of skill and enthusiasm, we caught the wind and

he first day out on the water, the for strange reasons of the junction of tidal breeze died and sailing class patterns - there is virtually no tide to worry about. This is particularly useful for

For lunch, there would be either a buffet meal in our hotel, or sandwiches and heer from the beach bar, as the dinghies bobbed in rows along the shore. At the end of another afternoon on the water, the half-board arrangement meant dinner was sometimes at the hotel, sometimes in

a local restaurant, Many guests are together, and the spirit of sporting bonhomic was infectious - and in some ways difficult to escape (though if you were not a gang sort of person you would not feel obliged to join

devious means of putting your rivals off while speeding ahead yourself. For the dingly equivalent of boy racers, vying for number one position was all.

We travelled in October, at the end of the season, so not every day was sunny, though it was never cold. A disadvantage was more erratic winds than during the summer. One cloudy day we embarked on a day sail out of the bay into the open sea to find ourselves becalmed. Only the motor launch which accompanied the flotilia for safety reasons saved us from a duil day bobbing helpicssiy on the water. Travelling out of season did have the advantage of cutting numbers. Tuition was personal, and there was never a shortage

of equipment. If a break was desired, the alternative of windsurfing - with tuition - was always on hand.

The lure of the water was such that all dreams of exploring the Peloponnese, home of some of Greece's richest ancient treasures, vanished, Epidauros, where the ancient Greek theatre is still in use - notably last year, when Peter Hall directed Britain's own National Theatre company in Sophocles' Oedipus plays - or

Mistras, a medieval town with a large castle, will have to await a return trip. Using the Flying Dolphin, a giant, bug-

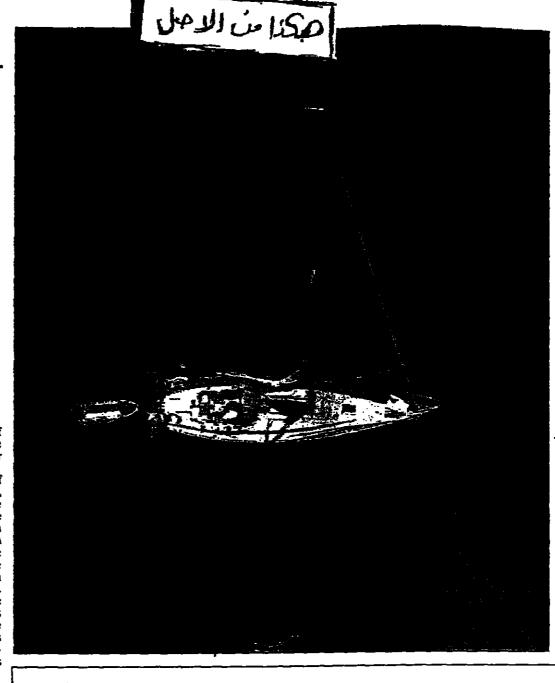
like hydrofoil that once belonged to the Russian army and now dwarfs Portoheli harbour, it is possible to visit nearby islands. An alternative is to share a water taxí for a visit to Spetses, as we did. The bright lights and bars smack of all the best and worst of a night out in Greece, but wander the back streets, or the coast where John Fowles set The Magus, and quieter restaurants can be found. We ate at a table on the shingle with the waves lapping gently just feet away. And in the morning, we were back on the water.



in). Some made their own explorations of what Portoheli had to offer: a smattering of small, friendly restaurants, with the far corner of the harbour being a favoured spot.

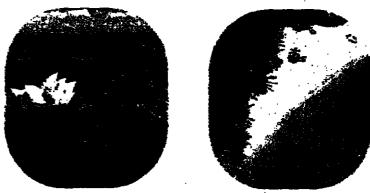
On the hottest days, the sun leapt off the waves like fragments of a shattered mirror as the boat flew with the wind. Warm rays on the face seemed to drain any memory of work hassles.

The more competitive sailors shed the tensions of life at home by engaging in one-upmanship on the water. "Luff him up," they yelled, a baffling cry to novices, and a technical procedure which I was spun to and fro in the large bay where - never to negotiate but appeared to be a



In the clear. lack of tides around **Portoheli** makes this an ideal place for novice

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claim that they designed the plane, rather than Boeing's engineers, is a little farfetched.

Passengers could be miffed, too, when they look for the "video monitor at every seat". United has been plagued with problems over in-flight entertainment on Lewis Partnership) suggested design improvements. But the

board its 777s. While the earliest versions of the plane indeed have seat-back monitors, the most recent arrivals rely on the old pull-down movie screen. So if you are flying off from Heathrow to San Francisco this afternoon, don't forget your opera glasses.

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Nicola Swanborough gets a chain reaction to the Camel Trail between Bodmin and **Padstow**

here's a disused railway track, running along the River Camel from Bodmin to Padstow, which in recent years has become Cornwall's third most popular tourist attraction. The Camel Trail, as the 11-mile track is known, draws 350,000 visitors a year in spite of having none of the usual trappings associated with tourist high spots: there's no visitors' centre, no wetweather area, no theme. The trail ends at Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant in Padstow, but this is more a coincidence than a plan.

The trail offers a rusty old iron bridge, a near-river of unavoidable muddy puddles, a mean wind when the tide's on the turn, and some wonderful views across the flat bed of the Camel. But its trump card is that for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the trail is completely free of cars, making it a haven for cyclists and walkers. It is a virtually flat track, meandering gently through shaded countryside, with the promise of crabbing in Padstow

at the end of it. There are no car fumes, no congestion, no thundering lorries, no road rage and. unusually, no hurry. It's pure poetry: the chance to ride off into the sunset at your own pace, to battle against the winds and feel the mud splatter up your back as you freewheel through puddles.

Bikes are available for hire at competitive rates and there is a range for any combination of people, including trailers for children and babies, tandems, tricycles and mountain bikes. Booking is

advisable in high season. The Camel Trail follows the track of the old Atlantic Coast Express, which, prior to the Beeching cuts of 1967, carried thousands of holiday-makers into the West Country. Ironically, part of the trail which runs inland from Bodmin may be reopened as a freight line. although local opposition is high.



On track: Nicola Swanborough and family

Nicola Swanborough took to the trail with her husband, David, and children, Grace, 10, Tom, seven, Florence, five, and Samuel, three.

Nicola: It is humiliating being over-taken by tiny children on mountain bikes; it's wretched rediscovering hamstrings whose only exercise is usually pumping the clutch; and a saddle-sore hottom is a nightmare. However, such trivialities are a price worth paying to experience the pleasure of pedalling into Padstow with the sea breeze in your hair and an ache in your limbs that says you deserve a slap-up fish-and-chip

Not being a family of proficient cyclists, we joined the trail at Wadebridge and did the 11-mile round trip to Padstow and back, hiring virtually the full range of bikes available. Samuel rode in a waterproof trailer attached to my bike; Florence was on a trailer bike attached to my husband's bike, with no input to the cycling, and Grace and Tom both had mountain bikes. Roads are a nightmare these days, so the Camel Trail offers an untold freedom. It's a great feeling to be

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From Egon Ronay's Guide '... and Children Come Too' (Bookman, £9.99). pretty mountainous if you've not been on a bike in 11 years, particularly when the wind is against you. It was great to take on a physical challenge as a family, though.

Grace: The trail is really good fun, especially as it's so safe. It was nice to have the chance to look around without being in a stuffy car, and to feel that we weren't adding to the pollution of the environment. After the first couple of miles, the cycling is quite tiring and your legs really begin to ache, but you can stop wherever you like. I really enjoyed looking around the gift shops in Padstow once we arrived.

Tom: The trail is long and straight and easy to cycle. I had a bike with a lot of gears. At one point I got so carried away looking around that I smashed straight into a bench and nearly came off my bike. I loved crabbing in Padstow. We caught some whoppers, and we saw where Rick Stein does his cooking. I hope we can cycle the trail again - I really

Florence: I was on the back of Dad's bike and half the time I didn't even have to

hold on - I just sailed along with my arms and legs stretched out into the air and

Dad did all the work. I loved it.

Location: The trail runs from Bodmin to Padstow, with bikes available for hire at Wadebridge. By car, follow A39(T). By train and bus, take the mainline rail service from Paddington to Bodmin Parkway and Bodmin & Wenford Railway (Easter to October) to Bodmin, then bus

service 55 to Wadebridge.

Price: the trail is free; bike hire costs £5-#Note: the trail is free, blue full costs 25 f8 a day. Bridge Bike Hire (01208 813050), Bridge Cycle Hire (01208 814545), Camel Trail Cycle Hire (01208 814104).

Facilities: There are seasonal tea rooms en route and the trail ends in Padstow, a stone's throw from Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant, Surprisingly, he doesn't do cartoon-shaped fish fingers or Alphabites, so hungry families would do best to hang on to their appetites and head for Walker's Fish and Chips Café on the waterfront, where cod 'n' chips and a good cup of char won't cost you

Access: being practically flat, the trail is suitable for wheelchair users.

Are we nearly there?

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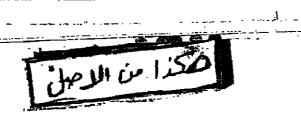
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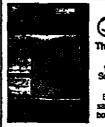
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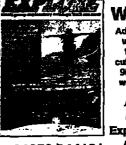


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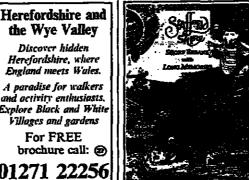
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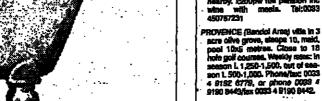
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Simon Calder finds the BBC's foray into upmarket tourism is on his wavelength

t 5pm the day after polling, Brian, Ann and I emerged wearily from Ann and I cincipes
studio 4A to contemplate the next five years. We had been transmitting news of the Conservative triumph for 19 solid hours, pausing only for the Today programme and The World at One. Brian was the late and much-lamented Mr Redhead: Ann Sloman was editor of Radio 4's Election '92 programme, now chief political adviser at the BBC; and I was the studio engineer.

What relevance, you may ask, does the last election have to a travel article? Because the opulent country house hotel at which I have just spent £70 a night is the place where the BBC trained me and thousands of other engineers. A night's stay at the Wood Norton Hall in Worcestershire cost me the best part of a licence fee - and a lot more than a week's wages when I joined the corporation. And it was worth every hard-earned penny.

To visualise the Beeb's place in the country, imagine a slightly down-at-heel teacher-training college planted in surroundings a few notches more salubrious than it deserves. The publicity for Wood Norton, saying it is located in 170 acres of rolling Worcestershire countryside. is economical with the truth. Standardissue halls of residence straggle down the hillside in the direction of Evesham; teaching blocks, varying from sub-Nissen huts to superior redbrick, meander hub, holding this eccentric estate together while remaining firmly aloof, is the marvellously pretentious baronial pile of Wood Norton Hall.

The old road from the medieval market an absurd concoction. It is listed town of Evesham to the cathedral city of Worcester lopes along the north bank of the Avon, through placid meadows framed French throne set about avenging their by the sturdy Malvern hills. A dispossession by imposing the regal 19th-century claimant to the throne of emblem the fleur-de-lis, upon every sur-France, the Duc d'Aumale, shrewdly settled upon this location to establish a permanent home in England. (Indeed, the countryside does convincing impressions of Normandy.) He was the son of King Louis-Philippe, and set about embellishing a shooting lodge into an over-the-top ersatz château in a green and indisputably pleasant land. After he died in 1897, his great-nephew, the Duc d'Orléans, contin-ued to create a home fit for a pretender

BBC bought Wood Norton to fit out as an emergency broadcasting centre. A suc-



through woodland towards Wales. At the An architectural hoot: Wood Norton Hall - shooting lodge turned château

architectural hoot. References from stout BBC, was to provide the nation "with Flemish to half-hearted half-timbers combine with Midlands redbrick to produce morale". During the war, Wood Norton's Grade II*, presumably for its comedy value. Inside, the unfulfilled heirs to the

face - notably the heavy and dark oak

Thus adorned by a frenzy of regal rub-ber-stamping, the hall changed hands repeatedly. The Orléans family sold it in 1912, after which it passed through the hands of several local merchants and enjoyed a spell as a preparatory school.

to the French throne in central England. cession of engineers arrived and built half So, from the outside, the hall is an a dozen studios. The plan, to quote the

music, talks and entertainment to keep up productivity almost matched the output of the corporation's present five national radio networks - 835 hours of broadcasting each week.

Once hostilities had ceased, the place was reconstituted the BBC's Engineering Training Centre. Thousands of trainees were dispatched on the train from Paddington to an ensemble that someone unfairly christened "Colditz-on-Avon".

The country house regular who is used to expansive croquet lawns, squash courts and a swimming-pool will get a surprise at Wood Norton. All those facilities are pre-In 1938, with the prospect of war, the sent, but they are accompanied by furrows of satellite dishes and a rank of huts that were put up as temporary accommodation. yet look as permanently rooted as the old

people possessing clipboards, earnest expressions and the occasional beard. What strange circumstances have planted mere tourists like me among them? In the brave new world of Birtian broadcasting, the old certainty that a few hundred engineers would have to be rolled out every year to feed the increasing corporate appetite no longer applied. The Engineering Training Centre, and its proprietor BBC Resources, urgently needed a Plan B.

Cut to the chaise-longue. I'm sitting in the bar of a country house hotel, where the virtues of moderation are cheerfully jettisoned in favour of unremitting indulgence. But this is the BBC's place in the country, and the corporation is playing to its strengths. A handsome monochrome photograph of Tony Hancock interrupts the march of the fleurs-de-lis, and reminds hall. They are populated by brainy-looking you who is keeper of Britain's cultural cre-

dentials. Stars of stage, screen and soap beam down while you sip a pre-dinner

drink and choose your meal. No engineer who has become accustomed to the high-volume institutional catering of the Wood Norton canteen will believe the creations in the Duc restaurant. My choice? Gravadlax with a celeriac remoulade (a phrase which sounds as if it could have escaped from an especially arcane circuit diagram), followed by monkfish in soy and ginger sauce and a miraculous souffle with its own sorbet defying all the laws of physics I ever learnt.

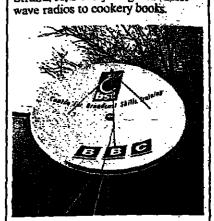
Over the years, many of the guest rooms have served as offices or laboratories, but a massive makeover has turned each into a shrine to the BBC's artistic aristocracy; I opened the door to my hathroom and there was Victoria Wood. Photographs of the comedienne grinned from the (inevitable) fleur-de-lis wallpaper, perhaps amused by my astonishment at the range of toiletries. As a trainee, you were lucky to get a slab of carbolic. But changing role from employee to customer entitles you to a basket heaving with all manner of sweet-smelling potions.

Wood Norton has a ghost, of course. but nothing interrupted a sleep as long as the bed was wide. In the morning, after an industrial-sized breakfast, you can chase after other corporate legends. Meandering past television studios and the non-linear video editing suite, you locate an unprepossessing off-green building named the Bredon Wing. I learnt one end of a soldering iron from the other in one of its classrooms, and picked up dark rumours about a network of subterranean studios and of certain engineers sworn to secrecy. During the Cold War. it was said, Wood Norton was primed to fulfil the same role as it had in the Second World War. If a direct Soviet hit on Broadcasting House wiped out everya complex buried deep in the hillside.

I have no proof of this, because even after a good few pints in the Phoenix bar (that curious yellow-brick block that also houses the squash courts), those certain engineers remained tacitum. These days, Wood Norton occasionally speaks peace unto the nation, but only from the tiny news studio installed in a hall of residence.

Although you may never know what lies beneath the hill, the lands beyond it hold Three of the Beeb: locations on the tourist trail

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no secrets. While the old government withered in London, in Worcestershire, burgeoning bluebells were tickled by the morning breeze, reflecting the misty blue morning haze above the Avon. A chatter of bird-song mingled with chimes from the church tower down the road at Wyre Piddle (this sounds like a made-up name from a BBC sitcom but is in fact a jolly riverside village). Evesham, possessed of an ancient abbey and the highest density thing from the canteen to studio 4A, the plan was to continue broadcasting from exerted an equal and opposite attraction. So I stayed put and revelled in the fact that I had not a single lecture to attend.

Say what you like about its programmes, the BBC has tackled its first venture into upmarket tourism with aplomb. The last time the Tories won an election. I disappeared to wander through the remnants of the USSR, from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Next time, I'll just go to Worcestershire and relax in the bath with Victoria Wood.

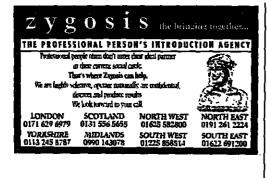
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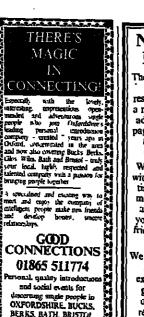
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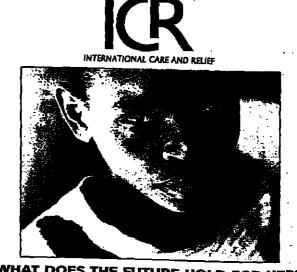
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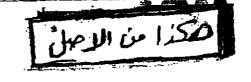
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With little rain forecast for the next few weeks, Anna Pavord offers a guide to keeping Visitor Centre, Brates plants happy in dry weather

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ike a cow just coming into milk, the sky has at last squeezed out the first drops of rain. Well, I thought to myself, at least the system still works. For gardeners, the lack of rain has been an inconvenience, but it is not a disaster, as it is for farmers who have fields full of lambs and no grass to put in front of them.

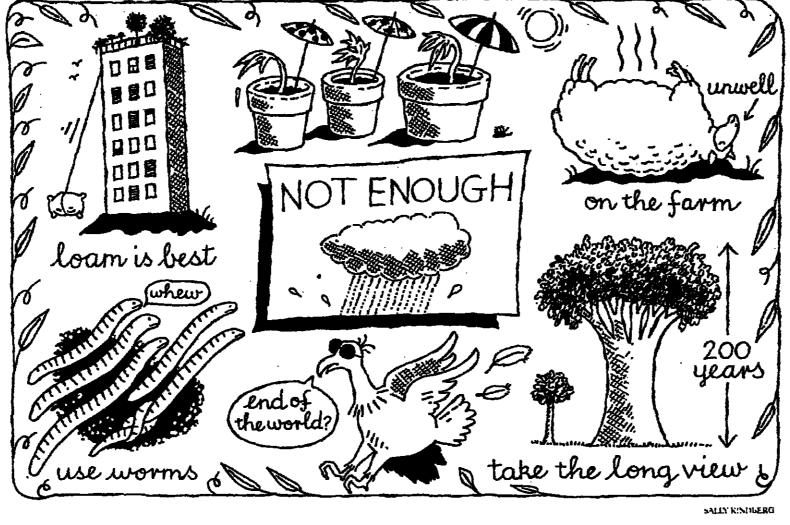
When water was a public utility I felt I ought to do something to help in a drought: put a brick in my loo, cut down the number of showers I took, rig up some system to save rainwater, even siphon off the bath water to reuse on the flower borders. Privatisation has changed all that. While those who run the water companies pay themselves so handsomely for wasting a billion gallons of water a year in leaks, I feel less of an urge to help them with their problems.

At least the Conservatives saved themselves the embarrassment of a Minister for than plants in open ground. Howell, was put in place by the Labour government after the exceptional drought of the summer of 1976. Within days of his taking office, it rained floods.

That summer environmentalists were predicting the end of the world as we knew it. Because of that drought, we lost a big beech tree in the garden. I still miss it. but it was old, and the following autumn we planted another three to take its place. In the long term, the rest of the garden was unaffected by the lack of

If gardening teaches you anything, it is the importance of the long view rather than the short. We have to hang on to that thought. Style merchants treat flowers like scatter-cushions to be strewn here and there where the colours will make a good photo-opportunity for the next snapper who happens to be passing through. If the flowers die, as they tend to when their owner's requirements are put before their own, no matter: there are more to be had at the garden centre. Garden centres market plants like cans

The long view on drought is that, compared with Somalia. we don't know what it means. That said, there are plenty of things real gardeners can do to help their plants through the next prolonged spell of dry weather. The crux of the matter is the soil. If you get the soil right, the plants will look after themselves. Plants in pots, hanging baskets, growing bags or other unnatural places will always need more water advent of garden centres with



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Drought. The last one, Denis Pots in sun dry out more quickly than pots in shade.

On thin, fast-draining ground, the more bulky stuff you can get into the ground, the better it will be able to hang on to what moisture there is. Think of compost, muck and leaf mould as blotting-paper. Soil needs organic matter like this. Nature keeps trying to provide it, but we, as gardeners, keep clearing it away. The easy way to get blotting-paper bulk back into the soil is to lay on thick blankets of mulch through the autumn and winter, when the soil is already damp, and then

DROUGHTBUSTERS

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7 Soak container-grown plants before planting

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hat drought.

the general time for planting trees and shrubs was the autumn. It is still the best time. Most trees and shrubs are dormant then, although roots continue growing until the turn of the year, when the soil temperature drops.

With no top hamper to worry about, plants can concentrate on getting their roots sorted out, getting the browsing and sluicing systems in place before spring, when everything happens at once. This April, leaves emerged carlier than usual, and newly planted trees and shrubs have ' been losing water by trans-

piration more quickly than

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If you plant in autumn, you can get hold of bare-rooted

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Loam-based composts hang on to moisture (and nutrients) better than soilless ones. They are not as popular, because they are much heavier to hump about - and if you live

life, they won't miss it.

three floors up in a building you don't, use loam-based compost for your containers. Water-retaining granules such as Swell-gel help, too. I now use them as a matter of routine when I am planting up pots for the summer. In a survey carried out by Gardening Which?, readers

said that the most common casualties of drought in their gardens were camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons, growing in containers. That is scarcely surprising. Those that have had no chance to acid-loving shrubs have surprisingly compact rootballs. That isn't a problem if they are growing - as nature intended them to be - in a woodland setting. There, a mulch of thick leaf litter prevents moisture evaporating from the ground. Overhead trees provide shade and shelter so that the foliage of the lower-growing shrubs is not dried out by sun or wind. Per-Container-grown plants are haps we should be asking our-

their container-grown plants, generally raised in soilless selves whether we should risk amount of water plants take compost. That's another probthe lives of such shrubs by lem. After their easy life in the growing them in containers, rather than complaining when they die.

The worst casualties of drought are usually vegetables. This is because, to be a success in our terms, to be fat and succulent, they need to grow with as little competition as possible from other plants. We have to keep them well weeded, which means there is them. an awful lot of bare soil round them. Bare soil dries out much more quickly than soil that is covered with the leaves of

up from the soil. But it's true, as you would know if, during the dry weather, you were to slip your hand under a fat clump of ground-hugging pulmonaria and feel the cool. moist soil underneath.

When vegetables such as lettuces, peas and courgettes are well established, plant marigolds and nasturtiums to blanket the ground around

And ponder on the fact that there was scarcely a heartbeat between shock! horror! reports of the drought and plants. That sounds paradox-ical, when you think of the ping play on the cricket field.

CUTTINGS

tulip festival has just started at Pashley Manor Gardens, Ticehurst, East Sussex, where many of the 45 varieties planted in the garden (including 1,500) tulips given by the Chelsea gold medallist Biom's Bulbs) will still be flowering. In the house is an exhibition of botanical paintings and a

display of decorative arts relating to tulips. The festival runs until Monday. Pashley Manor and its gardens are open (11 am-5 pm) today, tomorrow and Monday. Admission £4.50.

The potter Jim Keeling is holding two sales in May - an excellent opportunity to increase your stock. I particularly like his wide, low pans for growing sempervivums and pinks. The Hertfordshire sale is at Benington Londship, Benington, near Survenage and runs from next Friday to Sunday 11 May (9am-5pm). The Yorkshire sale is at Bramham Park, Wetherby, and also runs from next Friday to Sunday 11 May (9am-5pm).

The joiliest show I went to last May was the one at Courson, south of Paris, where Patrice and Helene Fustier preside over a stylish jamboree that is half plant sale, half garden party. This year's Journées des Plantes de Courson are 16-18 May and 17-19 October, For more details contact Domaine de Courson, 91680 Courson, Monteloup. France (0033 01 64 58 90 12).

Weekend work

arly May is an ideal time to plant bamboos. They make good screens, but will not thrive in very windy places. They like good, moist soil. Arundinaria nitida is the most shade-tolerant, with purple-flushed canes and narrow, bright green leaves. Soak them well before you plant them.

Plant out onion sets. Sow a short row of a leaf lettuce such as Salad Bowl and a row of peas, covering them with netting against mice. If the ground is very dry, soak the drill well before the seed goes in. Continue to sow annuals where you want them to flower, but not in a dust bowl. Soak the ground well before you scatter the seed, and keep the ground moist until it has germinated. I have been sowing Calendula officinalis var Prolifera (Chiltern, £1.05). It's called the hen and chickens marigold, because the central flower is surrounded by a ring of lesser flowers which spring from its base.

Mild, coastal areas of Britain may already have seen their last frost. In the coldest parts of central and northern Scotland, frosts may continue until June. At no other time of the year does location play such an important part in choosing the jobs that can safely be done. Never be in too much of a hurry to sow seed. Several trials have shown that later sowings

often catch up on early ones without running the same risks. A greenhouse can be used to shelter plants in spring. You can plant up pots and hanging baskets, so that growth is well advanced by the time you move them outside. You can bring on vegetables such as green peppers and tomatoes, which should not be set outside until late May.

Top up gravel chippings on beds and bowls of alpines. Replant sempervivums and saxifrages tweaked out by birds, which they are too frequently for their comfort. Nip off the dead flowers of tulips and daffodils, but leave the stems and foliage to die down naturally.

If you haven't already done so, cut back almost the whole of the previous season's growth of late-flowering shrubs such as caryopteris. Hardy fuchsias can also be cut down to the ground. Some shrubs, such as forsythia and elacagnus, should have a third of their growth cut out, the cuts being made where a branch joins the main stem. Aim to renew the shrub entirely over three years.

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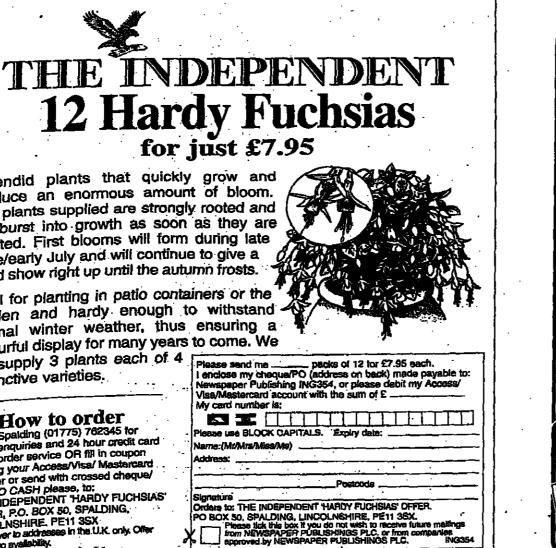
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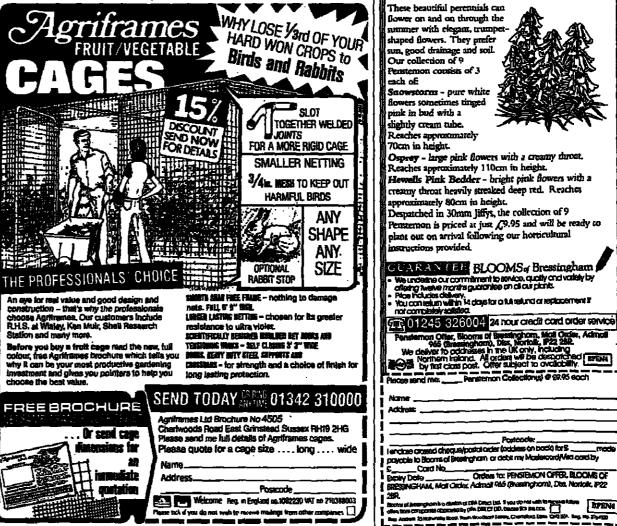
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Donkeys are abused the world over. But in a corner of Devon lives a lady who kicks back on their behalf. By Jonathan Glancey





Eevore's not-so-gloomy place

and he watched. Watched as the pigs learnt to stand on two legs, eat at table and exploit the four-legged comrades on Manor Farm. He was slow to ire, but when his best friend. Boxer, the all-too-willing Shire, was promised retirement in clover fields, yet was in fact sent off to the knacker's yard to be turned into glue. Benjamin berated the other animals for not learning to read, as he had done. He tossed his long ears at the sign on the side of the departing lorry. He galloped after it as it rumbled down the lane, trying to warnBoxer of the fate the pigs had decided for him. It was too late.

Poor Benjamin. He saw the writing not just on the side of the lorry. but on the wall a long time before. And, in his cryptic way, he tried to warn his comrades that the pigs were really no better than men: cruel and greedy exploiters. And when the Some of the cruellest owners are to chips were down and his equine be found in the British Isles. For 25 jamin ran his little hooves off.

I'm sure you recognise Benjamin, the donkey at the dark heart of George Orwell's political fairy-tale Animal Farm. I knew donkeys well from the days when I was still on four legs. And Benjamin's story reinforced my attachment to these delightful animals as I learnt to read when standing on two. Donkeys are lovely creatures to look at. Those mournful, Buster Keaton faces. Those wonderful ears, so long and so expressive.

Aesthetics aside, donkeys are also

enjamin was one of my early heroes. He was old and wise, lived, tolerant, a horse's best friend, and, though stubborn (an under-rated virtue). loving companions. They get on famously with humans, responding to their names when called and following them from field to field. Because of this, they are easy to exploit - and, boy, are they exploited. In much of the Third World donkeys are the principal means of transporting goods, and even people, although they should not be ridden by adults.

I nearly came to blows in Cairo a few years ago over a donkey that had collapsed after a road-hog had crashed into his overloaded cart. As this suffering servant lay on the roadside, motorists hooted in anger (the accident meant they were forced to slow down) while the donkey's master took a whip to the protruding ribs of the dying beast.

Suffering donkeys are not the preserve of dusty African highways. friend was in mortal danger. Ben- years, the extraordinary Elisabeth Svendsen has run a donkey sanctuary near Sidmouth on the south Devon coast. From taking Naughty Face, ber first battered donkey, into care, Dr Svendsen (a Yorkshire lass, despite the name) now looks after more than 6,000 in Devon, and thousands more overseas, helped by 160 or so full-time staff and a steady flow of funds from men. At the end of this bizarre propeople who care about donkeys.

If you ever feel long-faced and droopy-eared, a trip to the sanctuary (entrance free, contributions gratefully received) will have you feeling

frisky in minutes. This charity rescues abused animals, gives incalculable pleasure to disabled children and other visitors, and teaches us how to look after the animals in our stewardship. It has also become the world's leading centre for research into donkey health care. Dr Svendsen's exhaustive trips around the poorest parts of the world have led to a significant improvement in the health of

working donkeys, without whom millions of rural families would go very hungry. Her honorary doctorate in 1992 was awarded to recognise her research into parasitical infestations and how to treat them in donkeys. If Benjamin was an early hero, Dr Svendsen is a later heroine. Stubborn,

energetic, inspiring, famously acci-dent-prone, good-humoured and a fund of goodwill to people and animals, she is determined that no donkey will be carted to the knacker's yard when there is a field of clover for it in Devon. She sees the world through donkeys' eyes, and talks in equine terms. She "gallops" here, she says, and "trots" there. "Here" and "there' may be Lamu (where she set up the first international outpost of the sanctuary, in 1987) or the infamous Spanish village of Villanueva de la Vera, where each year a small donkey is forced to carry the fattest man around its streets while being tormented by cession (a replay of an episode in the village's history), the donkey is sometimes battered to death. Dr Svendsen and her team have been threatened with death, and shot at, by locals for

whom donkey-baiting is considered good, drunken sport.

It might also be Ireland, where donkeys are treated with widespread contempt. Svendsen was alerted to the plight of Islander in 1983; he had been left alone for 18 years on a small island

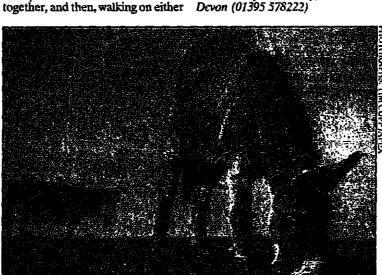
off the Irish coast by a local farmer. Yes, 18 years. Not only do donkeys live a long time (the average for a well-kept donkey is 37, although some live to be 50), but they crave company. When Svendsen brought to Devon a donkey that had been cruelly treated on Blackpool's beaches, it was reunited with two old friends after a seven-year absence. The two Blackpool veterans brayed non-stop as their pal arrived, rolled in the clover

side of the new arrival, took him on

a tour of his new home. Not long ago, the sanctuary took in a donkey after a call from the wife of a Welshman who had threatened to shoot it in front of his children because they had lost interest in it

and this would be a lesson for them. The Donkey Sanctuary is a haven of human and equine kindness in a lovely part of the world. Trot there this weekend, and try stroking the donkeys' ears rather than sticking pins in them as we were taught to do, if only in cardboard. You will find yourself in clover and frolic all the way home.

The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth,





Duff Hart-Davis

ith his long grey beard and glittering eye, he puts one in mind of the Ancient Mariner, But appearances deceive. Ric Sainty is no haunted bore, buttonboling wedding guests with tales of shipwreck and catastrophe. He is the welcoming landlord of the Old Spot inn in the Gloucestershire town of Dursley, and his claim to fame is that the beer named after him, Old Ric, has been selected for national distribution by the Wetherspoon chain of pubs.

Although addicted to ale ever since he can remember, Ric was not always a publican. He spent his first 25 working years as a draughtsman-designer in the town planning department of Cambridgeshire County Council. Then, in the Seventies, when staff cuts were threatened, he decided he was through with local government, and manoeuvred to have

himself made redundant. His idea was to look for a pub in Devon, where he had been on diving holidays; but he was waylaid by a crafty newspaper advertisement, and in 1978 he landed at the New Inn in Waterley Bottom, a deep valley near the south-western limits of the Cotswolds.

There he created a stir by importing his favourite ales across country. A friend who worked in Cambridge came down once a fortnight in his Range Rover, towing a trailer specially designed to bold 11 kilderkins (18gallon casks). These arrived full of Greene King Abbot and Adnams ales and, once emptied, were filled with the products of the Smiles brewery in Bristol for the return journey.

Soon Ric himself was putting away 20 pints a day, and his weight went up to 18 stone. His fortunes improved still farther when he fell in with another heavyweight imbiber, Chas Wright, who at that stage was distributing Theakston beers, from Yorkshire. When Ric, Chas and the late, lamented Jasper Elev - a third 18-stoner - went out drinking together, they were a formidable trio.

In 1985 Chas restarted an old brewery in the village of Uley, close by, and began producing

Brewed on his birthday, the new beer was called Old Ric

traditional ales with porcine names: (in ascending order of strength) Hogshead bitter, Schweinenbräu, Pig's Ear, Old Spot, Pigor Mortis and Severn Boar. Then in 1992 Ric boudes are down adder Hounds, a run-down ciderhouse in Dursley with a reputation so rough that. when I mentioned it to Clare, the girl who cuts my hair, her only observation was "Phworrhh!"

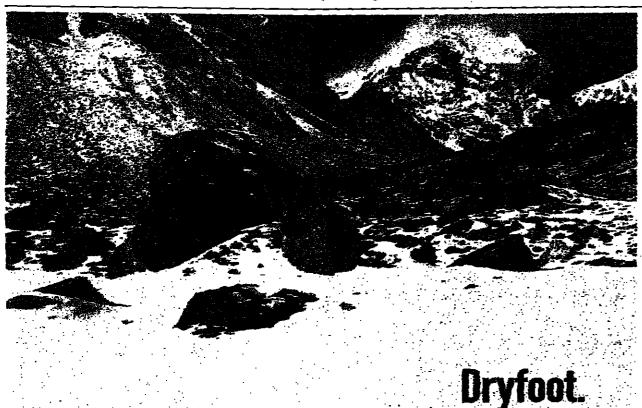
With Chas's agreement, Ric changed its name to the Old Spot, and redesigned the inside of the 18th-century building to give it a traditional look. With canned music hanished and Uley ales on tap, the place soon began to flourish - and in 1994 the reputation of its landlord was further consolidated by the appearance of a new beer named after him.

That summer Mel Griffiths, head brewer at Uley, was commissioned to produce a special ale for the Glastonbury music festival, and came up with a premium bitter, half-way in colour and strength between his normal bitter and the rich, dark Old Spot. The new ale went down well at the festival, but there was some left over. "I'll shift it for you," said Mr Sainty – and as it had been brewed on his birthday (6 June), a unanimous decision was

taken to call it Old Ric. Such was the demand that the new recruit became a fixture; and now, with Wetherspoon's backing, it will go nationwide. Its namesake, down to a modest 131/2 stone, has reined in his own consumption; some days he drinks no alcohol at all, but on "good" days he still gets

through 10 or 12 pints. As he says: "If you really do enjoy beer, and you're having a laugh, it's all too easy to keep tanking up."

When a stranger walks into the pub, the place does not go quiet: conversations carry on, and the newcomer is absorbed into the cordial atmosphere. The secret of Ric's success lies not just in the excellence of his beer, but in the aura he creates. in the way his enjoyment of ale rubs off on customers. "After all," he says, "I'd rather have a beer named after me than a block of



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The St George's est arrivé! But without more rain, this may not be a good year for the strong and meaty wild mushroom. By Daniel **Butler**



A fungus flavour to slay for

found a couple of kilos at the end of March, but none since," says Clive room picker and wholesaler. That's a month early, but there's been little rain since and

they've stopped coming up."
The St George's Mushroom (Tricholoma gambosum) is so named because it traditionally appears on the English patron saint's day on 23 April, although in fact it normally does not force its way to the surface until about now, the first week in May. It is the first widely available edible mushroom of the new season.

Although edible mushrooms can be found almost all year round, early spring is comparatively barren, a time when frost-hardy species such as winter chanterelles die off. As a result, the delicious St

George's are doubly valuable: underground mycelial threads).
"My early ones were going for £25 a kilo," Clive Houlder says with a smile. "Normally I sell them for £15 to restaurants. At Covent Garden they fetch £8-£10 - but that's still worthwhile when you can get several kilos from just one ring.

The St George's is a strong, meaty mushroom with solid, dense, creamy flesh and white gills. It has a powerful, mealy smell. These qualities explain its popularity among gastronomes, who appreciate the chunky texture and powerful flavour. Indeed, Clive Houlder says that some chefs find the flavour too strong, but other restaurants lap the mushrooms up. "It's got a lovely strong flavour, almost perfumed," he says, adding that the best are cut young (you should never pull up wild fungi

because it can damage the

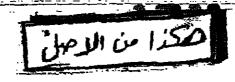
mealy taste which goes particularly well with chicken.

Although some guides claim they are usually found on chalky ground, St George's can grow on any soil. But they do prefer unfertilised old pasture because, like most mushrooms, they spring from a delicate subterranean network of mycelial threads. If undisturbed, the mycelium will continue to push up untidy rings of mushrooms for years, even centuries. When you pick a St George's, it could well come from the same threads that fed our medieval ancestors.

There is one poisonous species, Entoloma sinuatum. which could theoretically be mistaken for a St George's but, according to Clive Houl-

der, there is little danger of confusion for the amateur with good illustrated guide: There is only one chunky white mushroom with that distinctive, mealy smell around now," he says. "Although the experts talk about 'kid glove texture' and so on, it's the smell that is the real giveaway - so strong that a basketful of these mushrooms has an almost overpowering per-fume." In addition, unlike the rare and solitary E sinuatum, St George's tend to come up in profusion in large, untidy rings.

In spite of his unusually early first find, Clive Houlder is pessimistic about the coming year: "We desperately need rain, but our area of north Norfolk has been officially declared a semi-arid area," he says gloomily. "Let's just hope



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ené Magritte, the Surrealist painter, lived and worked at 97 rue du Mimosas. In the morning, he dressed formally, walked around the block, reentered no 97 and changed into his smock. At the end of the day, he retraced his steps.

Working from home worked for him, in a surreal sort of way, and it does for half a million self-employed in the UK. The numbers are growing. according to European Telework Development

(ETD), a body funded by the EC to encourage the trend. The ETD regards home-based teleworkers. or teletraders as the ETD calls presence. Teletrading is changthem, as the

entrepreneurial engine driving the future wealth of nations. So what is a teletrader, and what do you need to become one? The ETD says teletraders use advanced information and communication cally. technologies, such as the Internet, to market and sell goods, enhance their relationships and reach distant markets without the overhead of a local

ing the way markets work: the

software industry, for example, distributes much of its product direct to its customers, who download their purchases; and more and more financial services are delivered electroni-

New market dynamics are matched by new home office concepts. The ETD recommends relatively few physical components. By definition, the electronic office runs not on space and possessions, but on

space, a dedicated telephone virtual numbers. Office workers who define themselves by line and a computer. And the size of their desks or the agreement from those who weight of their curtains reveal share your home on the rules an attachment to a passing age of engagement. when the paraphernatia of designer, finds herself moving work existed around them.

Teleworkers function on the basis that they retrieve what her home. "When I started they want as and when they need it from vast, digital databases. The essential components for teletrading become as simple as a defensible work

working from home, I had twice as much clutter as I have now and I'd like half as much again," she says. A cluttered desk equates with a cluttered mind. "There's something overwhelming about starting the day with a desk piled high with paper," she says. Ms Jackson's goal of less

Janie Jackson, an interior

towards the electronic age in

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paper is shared by many. William Sims, a director of the International Workplace Studics Program at Cornell University, recommends digitising post and paperwork. If you are scanning documents in says that when people start black and white, then Log- working for themselves from itech's ScanMan is cheap at home they may well have cabless than £50 plus VAT, but inets which double up for storscanning, Epson's GT5000 flatbed range gives speedy, good results at around £240. Hewlett Packard's ScanJet 5P is the ultimate for ease of use

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The works - main picture: the T-chair from Vitra. Left: the Snapfile, a briefcase and filing cabinet in one, from the Conran shop. Below left: Surf Collection computer accessories, from Knoll Europe. Far left: glass and

Germany der. Go for a floor-standing model for home office use. such as the Rexel 70 (list price £74.95 plus VAT, but available from Viking Direct Office Sup-

plies, 0800 424441, at £39.99

coloured acrylic thermoses, by Alfi,

plus VAT).
Digitising incoming paper is only half the story; you will also want to generate as little paperwork as possible. This means a computer with sizeable hard disc space and a fast modem for fax and e-mail transfer of electronic documents. Convergence of technologies for transmitting information means computer manufacturers such as Compaq combine once-separate functions such as telephone answering devices, modems

and fax machines. As convergence gathers pace, the options for gathering and transmitting data will grow; dubbing a soundtrack on to your e-mail or running a home movie clip with your electronic sales message will be within your capabilities. If your excuse for holding

on to your filing cabinet is the VAT or tax return, think again. A Green Paper on electronic government proposes nationwide kiosks in libraries and on street corners where you could pay tax, renew licences and apply for benefits, with access through a home or work computer for those who want it. Signatures will be replaced by personal electronic smart-

Are there home comforts in this electronic world? Vitra. the office furniture retailer, vkward to use. For colour age and a table they can work on, but when it comes to what they sit on there is a reluctance to make do. Ms Jackson is particular about what she sits on, bed or otherwise. She says: My Norman Shaw chair is really gorgeous. It's something

Facts

For New Labour, New Drinkers, it has been a time for celebration and champagne; for everyone else, an excuse to drown sorrows. Whatever, sales of the fizzy stuff are on the increase again ...

UK retail sales of champagne, 1991-96

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| 1992 11.8 | 410 |
| 1993 12.3 | 400 |
| 1994 12.7 | 430 |
| 1995 12.6 | 480 |
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Which, if any, of these best describe your attitude to champagne?

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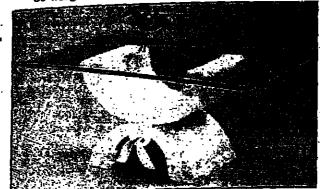
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Justin Deakin, wearing the inflatable flip-flops which are on show at the Design

Museum, with his partner Linzi Boyd and their

trainers, Stride. From left

shoes, which features various

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spoon food: deep-fried with chips and peas, in a pie dish,

or as boil-in-a-bag, with the

catchline "put em on your

Stride is a complete design concept, from the brand name

to the logo to the shoe, and it

works. Richard Wharton, from

Offspring, a shop in Covent Garden dedicated to trainers,

has been selling them for the

past few weeks and watching

them leave the shop in droves.

"I wish I'd bought more of

them, they appeal to everyone:

it's not a black thing or a gay

thing, although both groups are

buying them, it's a fashion and

hope that the DMX 2000 will

be the running shoe of the

future, but the main consider-

ation when choosing trainers is

what you will be using them

"A serious runner needs a

running shoe," says Mr White.

"and if you do aerobics four or

five times a week you will

need an aerobics shoe. But if

you run occasionally, but also

play tennis, then a 'cross-

surfaces, from modern gym floors to grass athletics

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to right: Shuttle, Zenith,

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Just getting into his Stride

As his techno sneakers walk out of the shops, Justin Deakin is walking tall as the hottest property in footwear. By Melanie Rickey

itting on a bright yellow inflatable sofa in his ultra-modern studio space in north London, the 27-year-old shoe designer Justin Deakin looks like a bright-eyed young thing with the earnestness of a Bisto Kid. Except he is no newcomer.

Deakin is the hottest footwear designer of the mo-ment. Judged the Best New Designer for 1997 at the recent Footwear Awards, his range of techno sneakers, Stride, is on show in the Review Gallery at the Design Museum.

This is no mean feat. Stride sneakers have only been on sale for six weeks, and are selling out so quickly from shops across Europe that Deakin and his partner (in business and in love), Linzi Boyd, are grinning from ear to ear.

Leeds-born Deakin bas been in the shoe business since 1990, when he was a buyer for a local fashion store. Rather than taking the traditional route via a footwear college such as Hackney's Cordwainers, he came at design from a commercial point of view. There was nothing around that we wanted to buy in the early Nineties. The only decent shoes cost at least £175, and everyone was wearing biker boots, so we designed something we wanted to wear and could actually afford."



Toe, named afabout this monumental effort there is a twinkle in his eye. This ter his mother is a designer who doesn't talk and father, which fused about ethereal creativity. He traditional talks sole units, uppers, price cobbling points and construction with a broad Leeds accent and a jinmethods gle of his chunky silver jewwith hi-tech soles. But his ellery. "All we wanted to do was develop a new kind of footwear burning ambition that used sports technology, but that people could wear every Once they decided on a name and a logo for their

The trainers are a visual sneakers it took two years, five feast, with references as diverse prototypes, several trips to Koto leave his stable were Herbert rea, and more than £250,000 to as Evel Knievel's Velcro-

puffa jackets and work boots, as well as from mainstream trainers. Christine Atha, curator of The Review Gallery, says, "The trainers are there as a contemporary idea, as well as a typical example of today's culture. They recall 1960s TV shows with their names, for example Stealth and Stingray, and also act as containers for so many references."

When Atha first approached Deakin, she told him "you're part of the trainer revolution". get into the Design Museum you'd think it would take years." It has taken him months.

On Thursday, the opening night of the Design Museum's latest exhibition. The Power of Erotic Design, many visitors strayed to the glass cabinets featuring Stride, and the Just Deakin/Inflate collaboration, the inflatable flipflop. "They were crowding around the glass cabinets having a good look," says Atha.

She is showing Stride along-Deakin, however, still can't be- side the ad campaign for the

Under the counter

with Lindsay Calder

ver the past week I have been considering divorce, and naming as a co-respondent the Ariston dishwasher. The problem was, it just didn't go "on and on and on". While I was away for a week, my spouse managed to clog it - no doubt with a large piece of carbohydrate from one of the many fish suppers he consumed - then piled up the rest of the dishes in Greek platebalancing fashion. I returned to a kitchen that bore an uncanny resemblance to that mice.'n' cockroaches kitchen-sink display in London Zoo. If be thought I was going to start washing up, after four years of dipping not so much as a finger in a washing-up bowl. he had another thing coming. No dishwasher ≈ no washing up = no cooking. Understood?

He understood, but was oing to give it one last try. Two nights, a pizza and a Waitrose finger buffet later, we had to accept that what we had in the kitchen was an ex-dishwasher that no amount of pumping and knob-twisting was going to bring back. It had spent the first six years of its life with a sitcom writer, before we inherited it; then four years dealing with our congealed cat bowls – a good innings, but time for a replacement.

He is waiting for the red, white and blue variations on After three hours of bickering in a retail park the current styles to come out off the North Circular, the next month, and will increase decree nisi was drawing his order. Until then, catch them if you can. Deakin is pascloser. The mere thought of sionate about keeping them a retail park makes me reasonably priced - and £69.99 (or £64.99 for the girls) is a want to weep - these are

just not the sort of shops I was born to shop in: Food small price to pay for an instant Giant, Booze Barn, Nevada Bob's Golf Superstore, The Stride will be on show at the Most-Bideous-Draylou-And-Leatherette-Sofas-In-Review Gallery at the Design Museum until August. The Design The-World shop. One thing Museum, 28 Shad Thames, London SEI (0171-378 6055). Diana, Queen of Hearts, has to be thankful for is Stride is available from Offthat I bet she's never had to purchase white goods from spring, 60 Neal Street, London WC2; Aspecto, 85 Bridge Street, retail park in her life. Manchester, branches of Cobra When she's feeling down. she should just think about Sports: branches of JD Sports and Hip, 9 & 14 Thorntons My Prince never did

come, so I had to discuss the advantages of the spotty assistant who was really only interested in selling me an extended warranty. My spouse was in danger-mode - affected by that macho-techno fever which makes men want the biggest, the best and, of course, the most expensive. I caught him eyeing up the behind of a Miele model. which at £750, he was convinced was for us. This is the man who has just spent £799 on a fold-up pushbike which looks like something a six-year-old would get for Christmas, so he didn't surprise me. Eventually we compromised with a Bosch, on the basis that it could be delivered asap, so would cut down on restaurant/takeaway bills.

Delivery would be between 8.30am and 6pm. Very handy. Macho-technospouse had decided not to pay the £5 extra to have it installed – he would do it himself. I planned, however, to pay the £5 when it arrived, as judging by the amount of time it took him to disconnect the old one we'd be eating out for another week. When it did arrive, at 4pm, "no, that would be another job, love, wouldn't it? You'll need to call the office and re-book." So they refused to fit it, used my loo and sped off, leaving me in the middle of the kitchen with a bloody Bosch without the promised "deçor trim". I quote the last words of spotty assistant when I asked him to make sure it had a decor trim: "Positive. I'll tell you what, if it doesn't you can have the one on me mum's at home." So, get one from here prouto, mater, or 3 m coming round to Chignell to rip it off myself.

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Be a sport – but do you really need those trainers?

Teen fashion dictates the footwear, so **Brigid McConville** visited the Reebok lab

haps, for this generation of teens, whose very identity can depend on what they have on their feet. Not so hard for their parents, who may still remember a time when daps didn't cost a fortune. After all, the ancient Greeks didn't as far as your lower back."
wear trainers to run the original marathon. So are they

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friend, Craig Tate,

to form a traditional, but fash-

ion-based men's and women's

company called Nicholas Dea-

kins, which is still in business,

although Deakin left in 1994 to

pursue his own lines. The first

really necessary? I put this heretical idea to Spencer White, a genial American boffin who runs a hi-tech laboratory in Boston peopled by jogging robots in Reeboks and professors from MIT. As Reebok's Director of Research

magine a world without without decent trainers many simulator machines which trainers. Impossible, per- of us who do aerobics, running or other sports would be hobbling around injured.

was always Stride.

Your foot bone is connected to your leg bone, and so on up the chain," he says. "Your foot is an extremely served just as well, weren't complicated mechanism, and scorned as totally "sad" and if it's not a stable platform it can cause pain in the knee and

> you from injuries such as planar fasciitis (sore heels caused by impact or not enough support) and shin splints (aches in the shins caused by lack of cushioning and stability).
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twist and bend and pound the as a feather and look entirely latest Reebok prototypes in the new science of bioengineering. Sometimes, real live athletes come to play basketball in the gym which is part of the laboratory, so that high-speed videos can record and monitor the performance

athletes over the last 20 years," says Spencer White. "But every foot is a different shape; ently and has different needs." His aim was to make a running these needs, and with the new Performance Engineering DMX Series 2000 he believes

of their shoes. "There have been dramatic improvements in footwear for every individual moves differshoe which could supply all

synthetic, with semi-transparent blue soles rather like outsized bubble wrap. "This is the new underfoot cushioning and stabilising system," explains Mr White.

These trainers feel as light

"It has been tested on more than 700 runners over thousands of miles and is better than and dramatically different from anything out

What is "out there" is already pretty sophisticated. Many of today's more expensive trainers have a "midsole" between the upper (toe box, heel box and fastenings) and "outside" or rubber bottom of the shoe. Midsoles are often made with air capsules, or gel using "energy return" chambers designed to cushion

the shock generated when your foot hits the ground which may otherwise travel up to your knees or lower back, with potentially painful results.

Some manufacturers use a shock-absorbent, spongy material in the midsole. Others use a hi-tech foam. Still others use adjoining cham-bers or a honeycomb effect so that shocks can be distributed along the shoe. But the bulgy outer sole of the DMX 2000 running shoe is, according to Reebok, a revolutionary development which they plan to adapt to other trainers in the

Its "active air transfer" sole has 10 hollow chambers connected by a network of channels that regulate the flow of air under your foot as you run. As your heel hits the ground the air is pushed forward, stiff-ening the sole to protect the foot from rolling inwards ("overpronation"). Then, as you move forward on to the ball of your foot, the air is remarkably comfortable and forced back under the heel, springy, cushioning your feet

CAREFUL BUYER'S CHECKLIST

 The time to buy new. trainers is when the cushioning of your old pair is worn out. Look from the back at the side of the shoe to see if it has become tilted. If in doubt take your old pair into a shop and try

trainer' is the shoe for you."
Cross-trainers should be light, comfortable and flexible with soles that will suit a range of Spencer White - which perhaps explains why a pair of DMX 2000s will set you back £110. The US annual spend

on a new one at the same time to compare how they

could be very different this

 Don't shop for trainers first thing in the moming. Wait until your feet have warmed up and expanded before you try on a new. -pair, or you may find they are too tight when you get into action. :

absorbing the impact of the next step. It is a bouncy, rolling feeling as the air bubbles shift under your feet, but once you get your sea legs they are

 Don't buy brand X just because you liked them last time. The technology of trainers moves fast: they

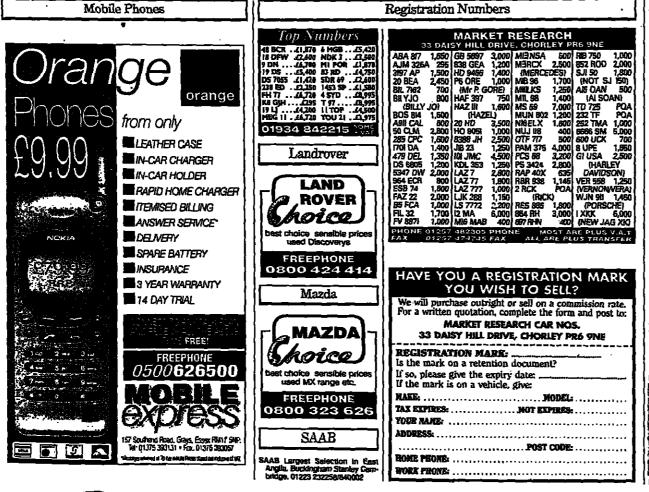
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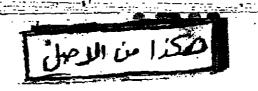
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straightforward repayment mortgage.
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A repayment mortgage will at first sight seem dearer than an interest-only one. On a typical £50,000 loan, repayments based on a 7 per cent variable rate over 25 years will cost £409.20 a month.

That compares with £265.60 a month for the interest payments alone, a difference of £143.60. But borrowers taking out that kind of mortgage will still have to find an alternative mechanism for paying off their loan.

Ian Darby, marketing director at John Charcol, the largest mortgage brokers in the UK, says: "Repayment mortgages are the most flexible in that you can increase or reduce the amount you pay each month simply by lengthening or reducing the repay-ment period."

But he points out that the "frontend load" on the loan, with little except interest being paid in the first few years, can be dangerous. "If you move after five or six years, you have paid hardly any of the capital off,

Numbing the pain

As buyers confront the boom, Nic Cicutti assesses how best to repay a loan

the value of the mortgage taken out.

linked, reflecting stock-market ups and downs, or with-profits, in which

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Ian Darby says: "Endowments are

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start all over again."

All other mechanisms for meeting the capital debt on a mortgage involve setting up a parallel repayment system, usually investmentreiated.

The most common is the endowment. That is a relatively low-risk investment into which payments are made over 25 years (sometimes less), in the expectation that the value of which means that you may have to the sum at maturity is greater than strategy and the fact that once a flexibility of a PEP with the safer

bonus is added to a policy it cannot be taken away means that it offers some protection against down-turns in the market."

Mr Darby adds that they are, however, a long-term investment and can be inflexible for people who stop payments early for perfectly legitimate reasons, such as divorce or

redundancy. Because the setting-up charges are levied at the start of the policy, people "surrendering" an endowment in the early years risk receiving

less than they paid in. One investment growing in popularity is the personal equity plan, or PEP. These are schemes whereby savings in the PEP roll up and are paid tax-free, unlike endowments, where 18 per cent or so is

PEPs are flexible: it is possible to stop and start payments into them at will, without penalty. Charges are spread throughout the life of the policy, with no heavy up-front fees.

Most PEPs also involve a significant degree of risk and may not be suitable for people who do not want to take a chance on the value of their funds dropping suddenly. However, Roddy Kohn, a financial adviser at Bristol-based Kohn Cougar, adds: They also offer the chance of paying off a debt early, as long as invest-ment performance is good."

better value than is sometimes A policy launched this week is intended to offer the tax benefits and they involve a cautious investment

approach of a unit-linked endow-ment. Legal & General says its PEP with life cover attached is cheaper than most equivalent endowments, bearing in mind similar investment returns after tax, as shown in the

But, as Roddy Kohn says, "the arguments are not entirely fair because they are not comparing like with like. It is easy to find a PEP and life cover that are much cheaper together than L&G's."

To the company's argument that it offers ease and convenience, he retorts: "Nonsense. Any independent financial adviser can come up with something better than this with just a few minutes' research."

Mr Kohn is a strong supporter of the pensions mortgage, where people make contributions into a personal pension and use the 25 per cent taxfree lump sum they receive at retire-

ment to help pay off the loan. He admits: "Some argue that you should not confuse pensions and mortgages and that the lump sum should be used for retirement purposes. But most people don't pay enough into their pension anyway. If you can tie the two together so that they are paying off their mortgage at the same time, so much the better."

He adds that in this instance, flexibility comes from alternative investment vehicles if contributions into a personal pension should stop for any

His point is indirectly backed by Mr Darby, who says: "A lot of people think that there must be a specific savings policy to go with an interest-only mortgage. But, in fact, many mort-gages are paid off in all sorts of ways, including redundancy payments, inheritance and so on. All these are valid ways of paying off your loan."

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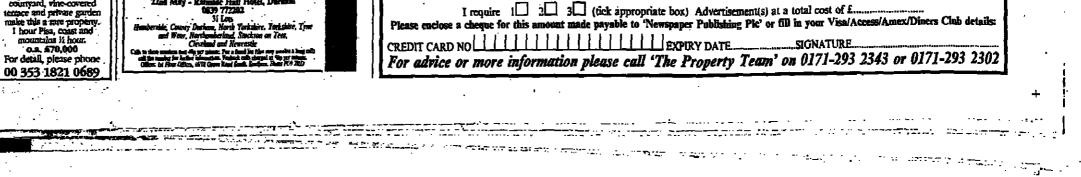
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Adams, executive director of invest-

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out really bad performers, Mr Spiers

says. "We would break it down into

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information

nvestment fund managers seem to delight in giving us a wealth of ments. Sadly, much of it is confusing profiting from the - and next to useless when it comes

to making investment decisions. For example, ads for many PEPs broadcast glittering growth figures. hoping we will be enticed by the sweet smell of success. The results are obvious. "A lot of small investors just look at the top-performing fund and go for that," says Ian Millward, investment marketing director at indepen-dent financial advisers Chase de Vere. Is this the right thing to do? "If you just do that then it's absolutely crazy. A lot of top funds have taken big risks to get there," he says.

John Spiers, investment director at IFA and stockbroker BESt Investments, says a fund's historical record may be of no relevance because it might be under different management or have changed in size.

Personalities behind the money play a vital role. Prolific Technology. an international growth unit trust, has come first in three-, five- and 10-year performance league tables. But Mr Spiers says it has had at least three changes of management in the past five years. In this instance at least, past performance on its own is almost irrel-

evant as a way of assessing the future. Similarly, confidence in investment guru Jim Slater has helped propel interest in Johnson Fry's Slater Growth Fund, run by Mr Slater's son, Mark, who follows his father's techniques. In the late Sixties, Jim Slater a five-year period." Ideally, a fund became so influential in the markets would beat its benchmark in every one that he triggered a number of sharp of those five years.

Try to look for funds run by companies which have demonstrated good performance across a wide range of sectors. Mr Millward says. Find out what the fund's philosophy and risk profile are and make sure you are happy with them.

Volatility is one way to assess risk. And measuring risk is complex, and often subjective. An emerging markets fund is generally seen as riskier than a UK gilts fund, but other factors come into it. which is where a broker or financial adviser can help.

You are usually advised to hold an investment in a fund for a few years. But keep your eyes peeled for changes. Some funds change their investment objectives. M&G is considering changing the remits of four equity

funds to offer a broader range of funds. M&G says income levels are vital information provided a fund's not going to be affected negatively. Small investors can in theory do their own research, though they need a lot of time and access to specialist financial information. But help is at hand. Some companies publish their

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Wait and see what the new **Budget brings**

be first indication I had that Thursday's general election might deliver a historic result was when my local Conservative agent called in at lunch-time on polling day with the morning's returns from the tellers. For South Suffolk's Tim Yeo to lose his seat would mean a disaster of unimaginable proportions for the Tories. Well, he held on, but the disaster for the Conservatives was pretty big none the less.

Will it be a disaster for the markets? Traders seem not to think so, although there was some inevitable profit-taking once the polls closed. This was not especially a judgement on the result. On Thursday night share prices in London closed at an all-time high, buoyed by an enthusiastic Wall Street. With America down on the day, there was every encouragement to sell: the surprise is that the reaction was not greater.

Many believe London share prices would have been even nigher had it not been for the uncertainty created by the general election. Mr Blair can now do just about what he likes, but markets are betting that New Labour really

does mean a new approach. So where do we go from here? Probably the one area we should not worry about too much is the level of sterling. Selling did

develop early yesterday in London as Far Eastern investors reacted to the scale of the victory. Next week, the new Chancellor will be meeting the Governor of the Bank of England. Opinion may be divided over whether interest rates should go up, but a rise next week must be on the cards. Getting it out of the way early may limit its effect on the market.

Utility shares, not surprisingly, have lost some friends. The windfall tax is a reality. And with such a large majority, perhaps the new administration will feel emboldened enough to pitch it at the top of the expected range. They will feel they have a mandate to introduce policies requiring funding which is why all eyes will be on the

first Labour Budget. Where else will they raise money? The big threat to the stock market remains with tinkering with advanced corporation tax. Even though such a move has been widely debated, it is difficult to imagine a cut not having a knock-on effect on share values. Yet the stock market is facing the prospect with relative equanimity.



We come back to the belief that a new era in British politics has dawned. If so, the relative health of the economy, the rising demand for financial assets and the beneficial effect of a buoyant Wall Street are all much more important than the change of government.

History certainly does not encourage us to believe that stock markets prosper under a Labouradministration. While the Heath government, 1970-1974, was hardly an investor's friend, the reality is that much more money has been made by investors during the Thatcher/Major years than when Wilson and Callaghan were in power. The market is saying that Tony Blair will not wish to upset the financial apple cart. Let us hope it is right.

Just at present it seems right to follow a policy of masterly inactivity. One thing is certain. Taxes are unlikely to go down for investors when the next Budget arrives. Waiting for the measures to be introduced means uncertainty that may produce volatility.

Once we know how precisely a Labour hand on the tiller will change things, we can assess which shares and stock market sectors will prosper and which should be avoided. Industries with a predominance of low-waged employees, such as catering and pub companies, look set to remain out of favour for a spell while the prospect of a national minimum wage is debated. As for the banks and financial services industry -

expect tougher regulation. My advice is to wait and watch. There is no reason to expect a major setback in the market, but equally why should the rise continue? It is worth ensuring that all your tax breaks have been dealt with, such as PEPs, in case contributions are capped. If you have money to invest, you will probably not come to much harm by waiting to see what the new Budget may hold. But in the end Bill Clinton, not Mr Blair may influence the course of British shares the most.

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OCCUPATION: Planning surveyor in the construction industry.

BACKGROUND: Rob has been working for his current employer since last November. His earnings, including part-time sports editorial work, are about £16,000 a year.

Rob is buying his home with a £36,000 mortgage with Alliance & Leicester, fixed at 7.45 per cent until this November. He has free shares, worth about £1,430, from his former membership of the society. He has two endowments in conjunction with his mortgage. His projected expenditure budget suggests that he has about £1,500 a year potentially available for investment. He is reasonably cautious in his investment strategy.

Rob is not eligible to join his employer's pension scheme for two years but does have generous preserved benefits from his previous employment. He is considering getting married in three or four years.

THE PROBLEMS: Rob's most pressing issues revolve around planning for retirement and whether the current endowment policies he has will return sufficient funds to repay the mortgage in 20 years.

THE ADVISER: Geoff Kangley, of Kangley Financial Planning, in Sheffield (Tel 0114-235 3555).

THE ADVICE: "I have studied Rob's projected annual expenditure budget and employment contract.

One striking thing is that his contract states that during the first year of employment his entitlement to sick pay is 23 days on full pay plus 23 days at half-pay within the first 52 weeks. After the first year, this doubles to 46 days on full pay and the same on halfpay. Thereafter statutory sick pay of £54.55 a week will be paid up to 28

He has insurance covering the cost



Looking to the future: Rob Howe wants to buy a home and make the best possible provision for his retirement

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in the long term, given that he is a base-

As for his pension, unfortunately,

Rob will not become eligible for

scheme membership with his current

could outweigh any tax advantage.

An independent financial adviser

equity plan (PEP).

of redundancy, illness or accident. But into a lower fixed rate. As for his Rob would still suffer financial hardship in the event of being off work through accident or illness,

Roh should consider permanent health insurance (PHI). He could restrict the premium cost by deferring the date when income benefit becomes payable. If Rob wanted PHI cover worth 50 per cent of salary payable to age 65, the premium would range between £18 per month for level benefit payments deferred for one month, to £35 per month for escalating bene-

fits, deferred two months, I would also recommend critical illness (CI) cover for not less than his mortgage loan. CI cover pays out on diagnosis of a range of serious diseases, including cancer and heart attacks. The cost would be about £10 per month, including waiver of premiums in the event of prolonged illness.

With the possibility of an increase in interest rates, Rob ought to find out whether there is a redemption penalty

two-times pensionable salary. The scheme appears to make no provision for inflation-linked escalation of pension payments. If he were to be absent and sick pay had ceased, pension contributions may be suspended for the remaining period of such absence. He should, however, still join if possible and also pay additional voluntary contributions when he can afford it.

final pensionable salary. A lump sum

death-in-service benefit is provided of

With regard to the retained pension benefits from Rob's previous employment with Henry Boot, a construction firm, that company operated a "humdinger" of a final salary scheme, providing benefits on an 'n 45ths' basis. This scheme means he required only 30 years' service for a maximum pension. At today's value, his pension will be worth £1.517 per annum.

I have asked the trustees to give me a transfer value on his fund. My provisional estimate suggests a return of between 6 and 8 per cent will be needed to match the value of benefits given up on transfer. Before he decides whether to do so, much depends on his presently cautious - attitude to investment, plus assumptions of future rates much they will pay out at maturity. If of interest and inflation.

Looking ahead, let's assume that sider bridging that gap by way of Rob might not remain with his employer until retirement, If they parted company in, say, four years, he would have been in scheme membercan identify the monthly contribution ship for only two of them.

By my calculations, the total of the wards from the value of any shortfall, two preserved pensions he has would after assuming growth of, say, 9 per cent. Rob's free shares can be placed into represent only 13 per cent of his current gross earnings or, by viciously pruning his costs, some 24 per cent of its) within 42 days of issue. However, his spending in retirement. Clearly, unless he intends to hold those shares there is a substantial gap.

Rob ought to think about investing rate tax poyer, the effect of PEP charges an amount similar to the 5 per cent he will be expected to pay as a personal contribution on to his employer's pension scheme in two years. This could be made into a PEP giving him greater employer until April 1999. If he flexibility in the event of a house move remained in employment until 65, he or his future marriage. Any such PEP would accumulate a maximum pension investment could also establish the of mortgage repayments in the event on his mortgage. If not, he should lock untillement of 57 to 64 per cent of his base for his "flotation shareholding".

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Watchdog should tread carefully

A series by Stephanie Hawthorne

The regulation of company pension schemes has been a contentious subject since Robert Maxwell, the yacht in 1992 with more than £400m of his employees' pension funds unaccounted for.

His death and the muchpensioners led to the Pensions Act and with it the formation of the Occupational Pensions the regulatory body for more than 200,000 occupational punishment for every trans- of investigations.

schemes." The trustees have seeing that all is well. They will rely on expert advisers, including actuaries and auditors, in other circumstances. who must "whistle-blow" to Opra in certain circumstances if the rules are broken.

Scheme members who are worried that something is to Public Concern at Work. media tycoon, tumbled off his This is a charity which gives legal help to people who are worried that something is wrong in their workplace.

Opra's powers are statutory publicised fate of the Maxwell and are laid out in the Pensions Act. It has inspectors similar to those of the Department of Trade and Industry, Regulatory Authority (Opra), who will be able to obtain warrants to enter and search premises to examine people schemes. Opra has draconian and require them to produce discretionary powers with a documents and publish reports

Harriet Dawes, a partner at will be financial supervision. It Lovell White Durrant, pen-sions law experts, said: "Opra must be informed if there are failures to comply with the must be informed if there are is being set up as a third line requirement to pay scheduled

Pensions Act: of protection for members and pension contributions, if the system is to work, otherwise Noble Lowndes, says that from -minimum funding requirethe primary responsibility for ment - the amount of assets day." each fund must have should it be wound up - is not met and

> Opra can remove trustees for any scrious or persistent breach of the rules and appoint new ones. It can even wind up a pensions scheme. wrong can contact Opra or talk Indeed, its very powers lead some pensions experts to warn that the watchdog should not come down too hard on errant schemes, at least for a while.

Stewart Ritchie, a pensions expert at Scottish Equitable, says: "I hope it will not throw the book at people whose only crime is to inadvertently fail to satisfy some detail of the immensely complex pensions law. Unless Opra can perform its functions efficiently and effectively, the trend away from occupational to personal

pensions can only accelerate." One of Opra's chief duties Similarly, Oliver Rowlands, director of Alexander Clay trustee services practice, sensitive approach if the new research manager, Sedgwick tor of Pensions World

John Hayes, Opra chair-man, is prepared to let the Act, which came into force last month, settle down for a while

before baring his teeth. He said: "People will make mistakes, particularly in the first six months to one year and we understand that. These will not necessarily lead immediately to civil penalties. Any sign of dishonesty will be treated with the utmost severity."

If individuals want to secure their pension rights, the Occunational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas) and the Pensions Ombudsman will remain. after the trustees, their second port of call.

This expensive new layer of protection will be paid for by a levy of members so the pension scheme will have to foot the bill. From April 1997 levies will be significantly larger and payable annually rather than once every three years. warns: "Opra must adopt a Andrew Scrimshaw, pensions

177/ mere will de a levy and a compensation levy (largely post-event) to pay for Opra and the compensation board.

Personal pensions will be exempt from the compensation levy and pay a smaller general levy because they are not covered by Opra. The Government anticipates that the general levy will bring in £12m a year. Mr Scrimshaw warns that levies could be expected to increase at least sevenfold and even more for pension schemes with a high percentage of pensioners. If it helps avoid another Maxwell scandal, that may be a cheap price to pay.

A free booklet "Spotlight on Opra" and a fact sheet "A problem with your company pension scheme?" are available from the Opra Helpdesk, phone 01273 627600. Public Concern at Work, phone 0171 404 6609.

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Parents often find themselves spending more on their children's fees than on their mortgages so why don't they save?



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Because of the lack of planning for fees, insurance companies tend to aim their

fee-planning services at parents who find

they cannot keep up payments. The

School Fees Partnership, for example,

markets advice to parents and schools on

how to tap into the equity in their homes.

Here, parents can arrange "draw-down

facilities" that capitalise the remaining

equity in their house by re-mortgaging at

discounted rates with their original lender.

parents to draw as fees fall due. But par-

Here, it is important to steer clear of

most so-called "educational trusts". Two

to the use of tax exemptions, meant for

charitable trusts, to fund private educa-

tion. Several investment companies, such

as Save & Prosper, were forced to sus-

More in favour among school fee plan-

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The School Fees Insurance Agency, a

soaring costs

of education

ducation has been one of the most contentious topics of this election, with the Conservations with the Conservatives promising to encourage further growth in the development of privately funded schools, a policy bitterly opposed by both Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Despite the Tories' defeat on Thursday, the desire of many parents for their children to get the very best education means that private schooling will survive and may even prosper despite Labour's opposition.

Ironically, parents of children at private schools have one thing in common with their state school counterparts: they rarely plan for school fees. Statistics from the School Fees Trust show only 14 per cent of the former make any kind of advance provision for fees. The other 86 per cent pay from their income, not savings.

That can be a crippling expense. The average school fee for private day schools is around £2,000 a term - or more than £6,000 a year per child. Even for a fouryear-old, fees are at least £300 a term. To fund a full private education from five to

18, some estimates are well over £100,000. Parents willing to bear that cost also face the daunting spectre of fees escalating not just with inflation but also with their child's age. To be safe, school fee experts usually assume a rise of at least 5.5 per cent a year.

In many cases parents find themselves spending more on school fees than on their mortgage. So why do so few save for education? According to School Fees Trust managing director Angus Cater, bad salesmen are at least part of the reason.

"The biggest problem is that parents get frightened to death by insurance salesmen telling them it will cost £130,000 and they must pay £240 a month as soon as their child is born. School fee planning is appallingly badly sold."

However, most PEPs aimed at school fee planning are directed at savers prepared to tie up their money for the medium to long term. Cash them in or draw funds within the first two or three years and your investment may give a poor return.

Parents must also decide how many risks they are prepared to take with the investments within their PEP. There is one established method of minimising risk but getting better-than-average returns on a school-fee investment.

Within a PEP, school fees specialists often recommend investing in a split-capital investment trust. These have the advantage that they will wind up at a fixed date - just right for school fees which will become payable at a predictable time.

Investors can buy zero-dividend preference shares in the trust. While you will not benefit from dividends paid on the shares which the trust buys, the trade-off is that the trust pledges to give a return of, say, 7.5 per cent a year when the trust specialist broker, offers loans based on an winds up - much higher than saving with endowment savings vehicle - allowing a building society. It is a safer bet than other equity investments because you get ents who feel able to save before their priority if the trust ends up growing by less child begins school can benefit from an than expected. increasingly competitive market in tax-

The School Fees Insurance Agency offers PEPs specially designed for feeplanning, which include a payment diary system to make sure the right fees are paid at the right time. Built-in life assurance cover and cover for disabling illness can help make sure that your child never has to attend that nasty local state school, unless it means going to the same one as the kids of Labour Cabinet members.

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John Whiting

Il employees need to be paid. Just as surely, the taxman will want a share. Life is simple for all three parties - employer, employee and tax gatherer if pay is all in cash. But what happens if benefits are

In the UK arguably benefits as a way of pay took off under the 1970s Labour govemment when income tax rates climbed. Values used to tax the benefit were often low. Need a new suit? Let the employer provide it and get taxed at the (low) second-hand value. Tax rules, and rates, have changed since then. So what is still tax-efficient? Could we see a resurgence in benefits-inkind if tax rates change?

Tax is now usually levied on the basis of the cost to the employer. For some things, there are set rates, a "scale charge", to stop and save administrative effort. In many ways benefits are

still ingrained in the UK employment system. It takes a long time for what are almost habits, such as providing a company car, to die away; at the same time a number of benefits such as medical insurance are seen as part of a caring employer's policy. In any case, giving a benefit that costs the employee 40p in the pound, rather than pound for pound if bought directly, still looks

Let's start with the familiar ground of the car. If the employer provides, there is a charge based on 35 per cent of the list price of the car when new. This reduces if the car is over four years old and, importantly, if a good number of business miles are done in the car.

attractive.

This car tax charge can be quite high, particularly if you do little business travel. Increasingly employers are winding down car schemes or at least giving employees a cash option: a salary increase rather than a car.

There is a flat rate benefit (typically £1,010 for a medium-sized car) if the employer gives free fuel. The can be good car fuel char value if you do a lot of private mileage on your free petrol, but bad news if all you got was a single private fill-up as the full benefit charge bites for a single drop of private petrol.

Oddly, a free car parking

Suits, yachts and other benefits that may be caught in the taxation net

is not taxed, though Labour has suggested it should be Private medical insurance is a regular benefit in the UK and is an example of something taxed on the cost to the provider. That route is followed for interest-free (or low-interest) loans as well though the taxman lays down "official" rates of interest to measure the cost by. But

most season ticket loans. Moving during the job can be a regular occurrence. If you are relocated, the tax man regards the moving expenses paid for by the employer as tax-free. That might even include a new set of curtains. But if the move costs over £8,000 the excess is taxable.

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for a loan of under £5,000 -

no tax on that, which covers

Having moved, you might be lucky enough to be provided with a house. A tax charge would arise on the rental paid if the employer leases it. If the employer buys the house, a cheaper (cost under £75,000) property is charged on its rate-able value. More expensive property is additionally taxed as if the employee is getting an interest-free loan of the value about £75,000. The result can make some properties expensive in tax terms, though there are exemptions where occupying the accommodation is necessary for the

And what about the suit I mentioned earlier? For those who thought it was a joke no, such things really happened. Nowadays it's less tax-efficient. A companyprovided asset attracts an annual tax charge based on 20 per cent of the cost.

If the asset is transferred to you, that means tax on the cost, less anything you have already been assessed on. That might seem fair enough for the suit, though put a corporate logo on it and it may well rank as a uniform and be tax-free. But if you are offered the chance of a weekend's use of the company yacht, think twice. That could mean a tax charge based on 20 per cent of the cost of the yacht. The Inland Revenue may allow an apportionment of this charge across all users but it could still be a very expensive weekend.

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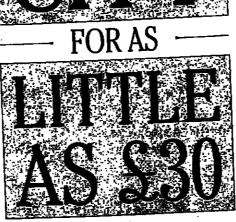
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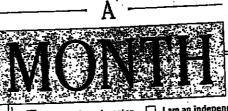
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a place to go if you've a heavy load because tourists have a peculiar talent for stopping in large, tight-knit

knots wherever there's a bottleneck. Getting through the gates is an ordeal in uself, dodging the flail of Nikes as another group of blue-rinses gasp at the technological demands of putting a ticket in a slot. My duffel bag of press

releases, my urban rucksack of communications equipment and my six Tesco carrier bags of foodie junk take five minutes to get from caramel peanut seller to District Line platform, It suppurates with bum-bags. Crimplene trousers and pocket

maps. Among the new laws which bit the dust when I lost my deposit on Thursday was one saying that places of historic interest could not open or close their doors during rush-hour. This wouldn't solve the American problem, as they will always rush back to their B&Bs for supper at six, but at least there

would be elbow room to put the odd snarly French schoolchild over one's knee and give it the spanking it so richly deserves. The Westbound platform

solits at Tower Hill. On one side, trains from the East End come through. On the other, trains from Wimbledon end their run and idle for a bit, while, if you're lucky, an old bloke in orange overalls plods through and makes room for the next lot of burger wrappers. But the point is this: you can always sit down on one of these trains, even when the entire staff of BZW are carting their six-figure weekly bonuses home by briefcase. You may get home a bit later, but that little single seat is yours for the taking.

I arrange my bags around my feet to guard against the powerdressing PAs who stalk the District Line looking for bohos to transfix with their spike heels, and settle down with my book on criminology. People run remains of an adolescent as we pull out of the station.

DAMIEN HURTS.... and his painfully creative struggle

HAPPENED?

ower Hill tube station. Not along the platform, jump onto my train, see that the arrow on the NEXT TRAIN OUT sign is pointing to the other side, jump off again. The carriage gradually fills with other Tube bores.

"Excuse me." I look up. Two men foom over me: sandy moustaches, fringe-cut fair hair, belted Mackintoshes. I assume they're gay, then remember that just because some gay men affect the preppie look doesn't mean that all preppies are gay. "Mmm?" "Does this train go to Glau-sesster Road?" I nod. "Thank you," he says, I remember the arrow. "It's not the first one out, though." "Oh," he says, "How come all these people are waiting, then? Are



they stupid?" I shake my head. Hell, I don't mind strangers calling me stupid. "You can get a seat on this train." "Wad time's it leave?" "I don't know, When it goes, I guess,"

He considers this, then sits down. I find myself lost in contemplation of the brilliant way the British have designed their names to fox outsiders. Having a surname designed to discom-fit the filthy Sassenach, the subject is dear to my heart. If we ever went to war with the States. all we'd have to do to spot their spies would be to get everyone to read out the word "Leominster". My mate got asked for directions for Lugabarruga the other day. Turned out it was spelt Loughborough.

Then I realise the Yanks are discussing mc. "Wad she say?" says friend of moustache. "She said 'Mwaah mwaah mwaah'," says moustache. Friend laughs.

is this anyway? These people don't even know when their trains run."

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I think about pointing out that if he wants a London Underground employee he should find someone in uniform. My checks are burning. A train pulls in on the other platform. The doors open and the sardines of rush-hour tumble out. My companions look at each other, then at me, as though I am playing a prank on them. The train moves off. The arrow still points away. "When she say it was leav-

ing?" says friend. "I couldn't understand her," says mous-tache. "She just went 'mwaah mwaah'.' "Why don't you ask her again?" "Don't be stupid. There is no point asking the English anything. They never know." Excuse me matey I think, but still don't say because I'm too

well trained, I'm

probably less English than you are. I've got an English great-grandmother, but the rest is pure Celt. Friend leans toward me, shouts down the train. "Say," he says, "When we gonna be moving?" "I don't know. I'm sorry." They look at each other, burst out laughing and go "mwaah mwaah" a few

more times. A Circle line train arrives on the other side, empties, pulls out. The arrow flicks towards me. The gits have started in on our train system and how stupid we are not to have razed our medieval street plan to make grids like New York has. Then they start going "mwash" again, purpling with their own wit.

Sod this, I think. I look up the carriage, attract their attention. "Excuse me. The next train's going from the other platform too." They leap up and sprint from the carriage. A couple of seconds later, the doors slide He has no facial hair, but the shut. I smile sweetly and wave

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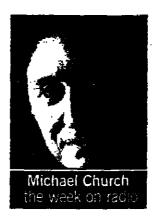
normone imbalance are etched into his cheeks. "Mwaah mwaah," he says. "Gaad," says moustache, "Wed kinda country is this annual moustache, "Wed kinda country is this annual moustache."

RP (Received Pronunciation) has been mocked almost as long as I can remember. How Now Brown Cow; Around the Rugged Rocks the Ragged Rascal Ran; a round "O" in involved; announcers putting on dinner-jackets to read the news what a hoot! Middle-class triumphalism, South-East England's way of keeping the provinces in their place: if you want to rise in the world, learn to speak like us. When Harold Wilson, the Beatles and Coronation Street combined forces to knock RP off its pedestal,

we all cheered like mad.

Last Saturday's edition of

Between the Ears (Radio 3) promised a "radiophonic voyage" through the history of the BBC voice, so I tuned in with interest: would they have anything new to say on the subject of RP, or would it be the same old stuff? It became immediately apparent that this programme would not stoop to anything so banal as a "view": as the sound effects piled up, and a procession of unidentified voices mused on RP's



pros and cons, we were clearly in the sacred preserve of Art. But the ambient sound - a sepulchral voice reading a mantra-like list of "correct" pronunciations - did imply a message that no one could mistake: this way of speaking is ridiculous.

An actress recalled the dreadful moment when she was packed off - aged eight to have her regional speechpatterns erased by elocution lessons. A BBC radio veteran spoke of the way his ambitious father linguistically reinvented himself, and of his own deci- the past, to be affectionately

sion, at 14, to change his voice and thereby rise in the world. He was full of self-mockery about it, but the process had worked a treat: his voice - currently the voice-over for the Orange TV ads - has literally been his formune. In impeccable tones, George Bernard Shaw dismissed impeccable RP as a "pedantic affectation". The Brown Cow and the Ragged Rascal got their ritual drubbing. Radio 3's erstwhile anchorwoman Patricia Hughes sadly declared - in that familiar firm mezzo - that she had "a voice which nobody now wants, a twilight voice". And no one gainsaid her.

To be fair, the case for RP was intermittently put. A theatre voice-coach admired the precision and unshiftable pace of the BBC's announcement of the death of George V, and pointed out that its composure did imply emotion below the surface. Peter Porter - an Australian - condemned the inverted snobbery of those who disliked educated Oxford English, But the general drift was critical: RP was a thing of

derided along with that oldfashioned BBC requirement that announcers should be able to handle French, Italian, and German. (At which point one was reminded of the wails that went up from British applicants for EU jobs last year, when the exam required knowledge beyond their insular ken.) Not once in the programme

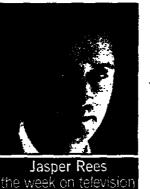
was it pointed out that RP is the idiom most comprehensible to those for whom English is not a mother tongue. This is why you don't often hear broad Glaswegian accents in programmes emanating from Bush House, and why the film of Trainspotting had to be redubbed for the American market. It has nothing to do with snobbery, or with shoring up the British class system: it has to do with communication pure and simple. Patricia Hughes is not a "twilight voice"; hers is the voice in which the World Service addresses - and will continue to address - its 40 million English-language listeners. She should take heart, because this is the voice of the future.

Going, going, gong

if there were an award for the best award show, this year's British Academy Awards (BBC1, Tues) would have not a fart's chance in a hurricane of winning it. Award shows are nothing if not theatrical in design, and the ones that hold your attention are faithful to that premise. Our host Lenny Henry was telling jokes against the Royal Albert Hall about two awards in. You were reminded of a scene of carnage from the First World War (or another one this week): every time the scripted jokes, the foot soldiers of the evening's entertainment, went over the top, they were promptly gunned down in a hail of apathy. Boffins from one of the

BBC's abundance of number-crunching departments have been seconded to calculate the precise amount of gagwriting man-hours wasted. As ioke after ioke died and went to the heaven of the Albert Hall's cavernous vault, there British about the mood down on the floor: this was a celebration of British film and television in the way that Dunkirk yachtsmanship.

Because they hand out gongs to both big- and small-screen folk at the same event, the Baf-



hand, as next year they will be separated into two ceremonies. creating yet another sprawling award show for television to accommodate. "All being well," advised the Princess Royal, "the ITV network will broadcast them next year." She didn't say who it would all be well for: the BBC, presumably, if the twin

shows are as bad as this one. All in all, it was a joyless night for ITV which, Hillsborsented in the drama categories, its traditional strongholds. The judges in a year's time. Touching Evil (ITV, Tues) - no relation to Orson Welles's Touch of Evil - is from the pen of Paul tas have always suffered from Arnott His pedigree is unimschizophrenia. A cure is at peachable (writer on Corona-

tion Street, producer on the from Durham. Not long now second series of Cracker, writer on the third) but he may have pushed his luck by setting a detective series in St Albans. There were obvious reasons for locating here. Availability, for one: apart from Coventry, it's the only cathedral city in Britain without its own resident televisual detective. But more persuasive reasons for giving it a wide berth. It's sinfully dull, for starters. And notably lacking in civic personality. To get some colour into the first episode the script had to send

itself to Stuttgart. Stuttgart!

Arnott is writing for the recipe book here. Concoct a history of psychological damage for your lead character, upend a packet of feisty female sidekick (Nicola Walker, really annoying), ladle in a stock cube of interdepartmental squabbling, and serve with a far-fetched plot about a villain played by a fruit-vowelled hairdresser to have not only thesp (in this case, Ian their hair done but their head the ITV Network Centre's policy of letting hot scriptwriters network spewed out two more boil over with an excess of dramas this week, but you can't commissions, Arnott also was a celebration of British see either of then troubling the wrote Reckless, and has inherited Robson Green in the leading role. Green's characters are running out of new places in the northeast to come from. In Reckless, he hailed from

till the only Northumbrian option left is to play a Dominican sleuth from the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

And then there's Bodyguards (ITV, Thurs), in which our hero is issued with a history of psychological damage, his female sidekick is feisty and hello, what's this? - another side-order of interdepartmental squabbling. Sean Pertwee, who plays one of the eponymous, er, bodyguards, rejoices, like Robson Green, in a blonde wife of no dramatic significance whatsoever. She's so unimportant that, in part one, Bosnian Muslin terrorists are allowed to take her hostage and kill her. The farfetched plot involved a villain played by a fruit-vowelled thesp (in this

case, Anton Lesser). Shampoo (BBC2, Wed), a film for Modern Times, argued that most people go to the quite rapidly into the audio version of the letters pages in the top-shelf press. But sadly not the video version. In one of Bafta's mile-wide categories (see this year's Remembrance Sunday vs Monday Night Footbali Monday), it may find itself up for an award against the BBC's coverage of the State Sunderland. This time he's Opening of Parliament.

28: 25: 40 TH Whatever happened to? Wall's Ice Cream

suburban streets, dispensing a white, spi-ralling mixture in a cone. In November, Roy Hattersley, Prices and Consumer Protection Minister, pronounces Wall's frozen foods a monopoly, though a "fair" one.

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Then along comes 1989 and the new ice

lice-cream, while Tombel or the more wor- but a hard sell, brings sexy advertising to ryingly named Mr Softee ice-cream vans change the cosy, fluffy ice-cream industinkle and meander their way through hot try for ever. Compare the ingredients fresh cream, egg yolk, fresh skimmed milk, sugar, crushed vanilla beans from Madagascar - with Wall's Blue Ribbon Vanilla Soft Scoop: skimmed milk, dextrose, sugar, vegetable fat, whey solids, glucose syrup, emulsifier E471, stabilisers

flavouring. Häagen-Dazs starts to win the cold war, gaining 8 per cent - from nothing - of the market in 1989.

Wall's fights back with its Twister lolly, a strawberry and vanilla ice-cream made using "rotating extrusion nozzle technology". But they've got the wrong end of the stick: in their new factory in Gloucester. with 32,000 litres an hour, they're pro-

colours it is harder to create eye appeal," claims their general development manager. But there's also taste appeal ...

Profits for Unilever, the multinational owner of Wall's, plunge for the third quarter of 1992. Then in May 1994 another American brand pokes its icy toe into the cream. But Unilever's Vaseline is proba-British market. Ben & Jerry's, a tiny company founded from a renovated petrol sta-

n the long hot summer of 1976 every cor-ner shop is an easis of bright yellow Wall's specialist manufacturer using a soft scoop natural colours (curcumine, anatto), have changed. "With totally natural eco-conscious Rainforest Crunch to win the once-hippy, baby-boomer vote.

Unilever licks its wounds. Profits fall by £64m for 1995, the hottest summer on record, although the UK ice-cream market has risen by 62 per cent in the Nineties. You can still get Wall's vanilla ice-

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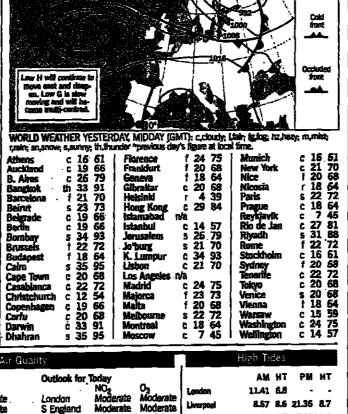
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Sunday will be showery, with some heavy showers, and also longer spells of rain to the north. However, the far north of Scotland should stay dry with some sunshine. More unsettled weather can then be expected through Monday with heavy thundery showers or spells of rain and only a little sunshine. In fact, it is going to stay unsettled through Tuesday and Wednesday with plenty more showers, many of them heavy. Also, it will be cooling down.

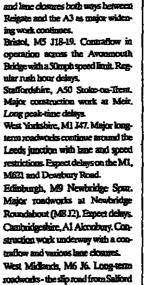
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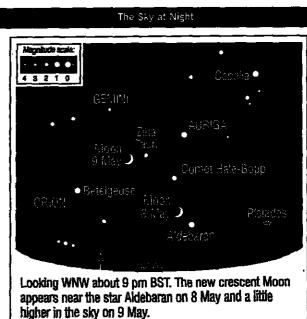


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Moon low in the western sky soon after sunset is always a striking sight. In the first couple of days after is clear. new Moon, it is often just possible to discern the rest of the Moon's face, faintly fading comet Hale-Bopp. revealed by Earthshine, as Don't be surprised if you spot well as the bright crescent. Were you on the Moon, you would clearly see why. The full Earth, shining brilliantly with the low sky altitude of its radireflected sunlight in your night sky, would be flooding the grey lunar surface with a

thin slither of crescent ghostly light. The new crescent Moon will show itself on Thursday and Friday evenings of the coming week if the sky

In the same part of the sky, you may be able to glimpse the early morning meteors this week, too. The Eta Aquarid shower peaks on 4 May, but ant limits visibility in the UK.

Jaqueline Mitton

Putra to put Bin Suroor in shade

Godolphin's choice animals. may be considering that this is a campaign he will not dominate after the failure of his first two runners.

Haltarra and Tulipa were vanquished at Newmarket yesterday and punters who could bet virtually blind on animals that had matured under an Emirates sun in the early part of last season will now have to get more deeply involved in the weekend's Classic conundrums. Suddenly the prospects of Shamikh and Tycoon Todd in this afternoon's 2,000 Guineas, and Moonlight Paradise and Ocean Ridge in the fillies' equivalent tomorrow do not

appear so outstanding. It is fair to say that if Shamikh was trained by just about anyone else he would not occupy his current lofty shelf in the market. He ran just once last year, in victory in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot, before being asked to pack his towel and lotions for a trip to the Gulf. Of all the Godolphin horses that have been residing in Dubai's equine Waldorf Astoria, the Al Quoz stables, he is thought to have benefited most from the pampering. The word is that he is considered as useful as last year's outstanding

winner, Mark Of Esteem. This is not to say that Shamikh will be the only horse arriving at Headquarters today on a surf of hyperbole. Entrepreneur's ears have probably been sizzling since there was snow on the ground such have been the prolonged and vociferous outpourings about his talents. The son of Sadler's Wells regularly works up a storm on the Newmarket gallops, and indeed did so before he was beaten on his seasonal debut last year. Entrepreneur

The bespectacled leader looked a sorry figure yesterday. Saeed bin Suroor, the trainer of Paul Cole in today's 2,000 Guineas riously overpriced is Paul Cole's

looks poorly priced now, espe-cially as Michael Stoute, his trainer, has always thought the Derby was more suitable.

The favourite is likely to be a horse who, unlike Entrepreneur, struggles to get out of a paper bag on the trial grounds. Someone has obviously pointed out to Revoque that the bit when your rider is not wearing silks and you compete with your room-mates is not the real thing. At home he is one small step up from useless.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Putra (Newmarket 3.40) NB: To The Roof (Newmarket 4.15)

When the juices flow at the racetrack he is a different beast altogether, however, and last year he harvested some of France's top juvenile events. This season Revoque was beaten in his prep race. Newbury's Greenham Stakes, but rather than creating despondency in his camp, he seemed to warm connections who considered their horse woefully under-prepared. It is difficult to picture any running of the race that does not have him in a significant position at the winning post.

It is hard, also, to get excited about the sole French challenger, Zamindar, as his trainer, André Fabre, is nothing like as stirred by him as he was his full brother, Zafonic. The Craven Stakes winner, Desert Story, is also difficult to fancy as the Stoute team only just about manage to squeeze in a mention of him as they are eulogising about Entrepreneur.

The one horse that looks se-

Bright hopes for Sunday

Tomorrow sees the start of Sunday racing for the 1997 season, with bookmakers William Hill anticipating an upbeat year compared to 1996. "It is imadvocated the need for three possible to forecast what effect grouping the Sundays together will have on business," David Hood, their spokesman, said.

"It may help to familiarise our customers with Sundays. It is interesting that there are three meetings each day, and we have meetings every weekday afternoon in order to maximise the Levy. We will open nearly our entire estate of 1,600 shops."

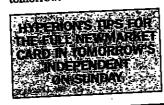


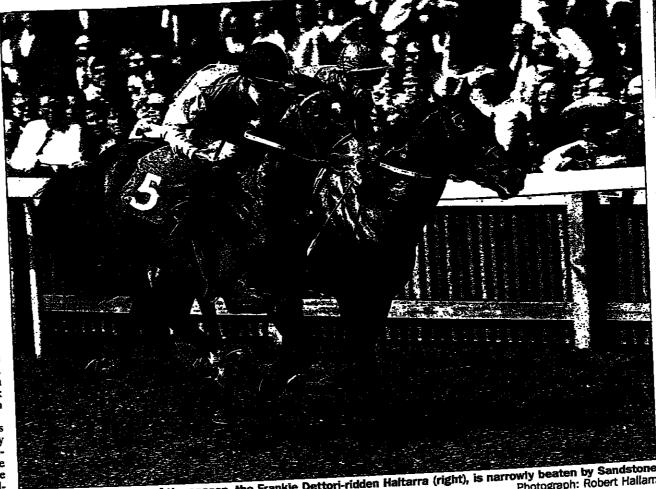
The cop-out for tomorrow's 1,000 Guineas would be to say that it would fall to Henry Cecal. The man from Warren Place has three runners in the race and each has a retinue of followers, though Sleepytime is probably the best of the bunch. She may well be ridden close to the pace tomorrow as it is becoming clear that her long legs take a deal of unravelling.

to 100 per cent."

Among Sleepytime's challengers are the Godolphin pairing (of which Ocean Ridge may be the better even though she is a longer price) and a visitor with seductive credentials in Pas de Reponse (4.20). The French filly won on her seasonal debut at Maisons-Laffitte, which was about as meaningful as a chat with Stanley Unwin, and more persuasive is her victory in the Cheveley Park Stakes at this course last autumn.

Pas de Reponse is reported to have improved physically so much over the winter that the query about her stamina is no longer brought up. In addition, her trainer, Criquette Head, has a splendid record in the race with wins from Ma Biche, Ravinella and Hatoof. In the land of New Labour it is likely to be the same old story





Godolphin's first runner of the season, the Frankie Dettoriand Pat Eddery in yesterday's Derby trial at Newmarket NEWMARKET - Tomorrow

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HAYDOCK. 1.10: Shu Gaa won at Ayr last time but ran moodily and may not be in love with the game. KIN-NESCASH, in contrast, seems to NESCASE, in contrast, seems to thrive on racing and followed wins over hurdles at Plumpton and Chepstow with success on the Flat t Leicester on Saturday. Noble Colours invariably pulls hard and often sets up a big lead. The rest of the field would be unwise to give this one too much rope.

1.40: CONQUERING LEADER has always been held in high re-gard at Nick Henderson's stable and deserves to take this prize. She would surely have been in with a chance in the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham but for falling at midway. Pridwell cer-tainly cannot be ruled out but this is one quirky customer.

2.10: Peter Hobbs could hold the key to this event with ASHWELL BOY who has been unlucky during a light campaign this season and appears to have now reached top form. Star Selection is not experienced at this level but lurk dangerously among the light-weights. He was sixth in the 2,000 juiness and minth in the Derby in 1994. A factor that could count against him is if the track firms up.

Tom Brodie built up a sequence
of victories last season and at the start of this. He looks ready to return to winning ways.

NEWMARKET 3.00: ROMIOS appeared ungenuine at times last season but appeared to have improved when naking a successful return over this trip at Kempton. The lightly raced Najm Mubeen is the threat.

3.40. With so few of these having raced as three-year-olds it is imposssible to assess how they have progressed since juvenile days.
Nevertheless, PUTRA impresses
as the sort to improve dramatically
having established an unbeaten record in two juvenile runs. Entrepreneur possesses similar potential, but may be better over a longer trip, while the heavytopped Revoque may prefer some cut in the ground. Shamikh, ancut in the ground, sommen, ap-other unknown quantity after just one run, impressed in his win-ter trials in Dubai.

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4.15: BOLSHOI progressed through handicap maks last year and seemed better than ever when making a winning return. To The Roof, who is similarly progressive, can follow him home.

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NEWMARKET 4.15 Bolshoi 2:00 Street General 4,50 Lord Olivier 2.30 Bodyguard 5,20 Forest Buck 3.00 Romios (nb) 3.40 Putra GOING: Good (watering). STALLS: 2.00 - for side: 3.40 & 4.15 - stands side; remainder - centre.

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LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 102 winners, 497 rides, 29.5%, -\$40.42; L Dettori — 68 winners, 482 rides, 14.1%, -\$175.14; W R Swinhurn — 44 winners, 311 rides, 14.1%, -\$2.17; J Reid — 35 winners, 345 rides, 10.1%, -\$40.62.

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BETTING: 3-1 Clever Capition, 11-2 Hever Golf Rose, 8-1 Bolshol, Sylve Paradise, Saperior Premises, 10-1 Rembiling Bear, 12-1 Midnight Escape, Deep Flaesse, Centemara, 14-1 others.

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CLEVER CAPTION, who best Head Over Heals half a length on his debut in a Usted event at Deauville last instead with Andre Fabra, now represents Gotolphin and is one to follow. Hever Gotf Rose, then to kester in the Pro. de Alabage to rose she wan the year before last Octaber, was appearing for the linst instead when a four-length such (of 10) at Massars-Laffate 17 days ago, too Naughton's mare had a reme sacts when a four-length such (of 10) at Massars-Laffate 17 days ago, too Naughton's mare had a reme sacts when a four-length such (of 10) at Massars-Laffate 17 days ago, too Naughton's mare had a reme sacts in the Naughton's same gold to the sact the Haydook Spung Cap. She should go dose. To The Roof made the frame in the Naughton's Stakes and the Haydook Spung Cap. She should go dose. To The Roof had a great season in 1996, scoring four times and frustring numer-up four times and he was inched out had a great season had season to the roof to be the first of 20. Besidenia, great well for Fernara O'Sorman, who and no better foil and Amazing Bany (2h) bestief 11th of 20. Besidenia, great well for Fernara O'Sorman, who are not better on the loss season, including a 17-numer race at Ascot Last September when Croft Pool won three times on him lost season, including a 17-numer race at Ascot Last September when Croft Pool 12th and 15th of 17. However, 10 The Roof had to be synthetic up nearing the furlong pole that day and 12th and 15th of 17. However, 10 The Roof had to be synthetic up nearing the furlong pole that day and a gean absent), won well at Beverley on his return.

Selection: CLEVER CAPTION

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SEA-DEER van weil from an untavourable draw when that of 22 to Kira at Doncaster in March and he west to well drawn as the winner when runner-up to Easem Prophets at Kerpaton next time. Cruss Dwyer's drawprices was lette more than a length of the winner van unning fifth of 20 to 50-1 short Repenny at Negotivy two was lette more than a length of the winner winning fifth of 20 to 50-1 short Repenny at Negotivy two has the Bestweets back and dam gard and deserved return to wenting from with PRE Edders, who on his only run on 1995 and winning a Folkestone maden last April. Orgil won 3 21-uniter race under Pat Online of the Search and made a successful return three at week ago with Machael Roberts, who does him again here, in the saddle. Peter Makint's charge goes off a 9th higher mark this time hut could still prove troublesome - together with lost week's Epsom winner Lond Other, French Crit (successful at Report in his return) and Pernyston View, who scored but times in 1995.

Selection: SEN-DEER of the selection of the selection of the country of the c

5.20 NGK SPARK PLUGS CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500

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| 1.10 Kinnescash 1.40 CONQUERING LEADER (nap) 2.10 Ashwell Boy | 2.45 Home Counties 3.15 Country Lover 3.50 Riparius |
| GOING: Good. Left-hand course with imposing drop fences at Course is near junction of A580 and M6. New Sand S17; Touersails S10; Newton Stand S5 (OA LEADING TEAINERS WITH RUNNERS: G1 new gives a success ratio of 93.6% and a loss to 32 winners, 138 runners, 23.2%, -54.31; N Twis- 24.2%, 54.0 OO. Mr. M Raveley — 13 winners | ion station 2m. ADMISSION: County Ps half-price). CAR PARK: Free. Richards — 33 winners from 114 run- a 51 level stake of 515.40; M Pipe — Rom-Davies — 17 winners, 70 runners, |

32 winners, 138 runners, 23.2%, -54.31; N Twiston-Davies — 17 winners, 10 runners, 24.3%, +510.90; Mrs M Beveley — 13 winners, 02 runners, 11.3%, -512.21.

LEADING JOCKETS: R Dumwoody — 24 winners, 11.3%, -512.21.

17 wanners, 109 rides, 15.5%, -50.24; C Llewellyn — 18 winners, 53 rides, 24.5%, +518.47; A Dobbid — 12 winners, 65 riges, 18.5%, -511.32.

RLINKERED PIRST TRIE: Stompin 12.10; Elation (2.45).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Klanescask (1.10) won at Leicester on Saturday; Country Lover (3.15) won at Ascot on Tuesday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Go With The Wind (1.10) has been sent 218 miles by C Weedon from Childingfold, Survey.

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BETTING: 5-2 Met: The Clouds, 4-1 K 996: Forestal 4 10 0 Mr J Julys 16-1 (S Griffiths) 8 ran

KINNESCASH is yet another horse Peter Bowen has worked the oracle with. The youngstar hasn't stopped improving since finishing third to Break. The Rules at Taunton on his hurding debut and recently won his second race over jumps. The progress hasn't stopped there – he won on the Flat test week – and he may have sufficient scope to take this stonger race. Break The Rules stablemate Melit The Clouds started with a promising second to Desert Mountain at Follesstone and had no trouble stroning for a disappointing run at Taunton by hading up in a virtual match when binkered at Newton Abbot over Easter. The Folkestone run is the one to judge thim on and he certainty isn't out of it with top weight. Shu Gas, the run is the one to judge thim on and he certainty isn't out of it with top weight. Shu Gas, the run is the field, won for the third time when bearing Meltermann flouthed off by Double Agant at Musselburgh in February) and Clasth Of Swords at Ayr e touright ago. He were binkers for the first time then and they probably helped; but it was a tearly slowly-run race and Clash Of Swords, staying on well from the rear, lost a good chance ence Pediar and Seettle Allery on soft ground at Chepstow. Seattle Allery has a sufficient or at Easter, Nobte Colours has since fallen when upsides Cheef Mouse at the less tight at Cheltenham.

1.40 CROWTHER HOMES LONG DISTANCE HURDLE BBC1 (CLASS B) £12,500 added 2m 7f 110yds 200212 PREDWELL (11) Uones, Berstock and Flest Partnership! M Pipe 7 11 0 ...

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1996: Tressure Again 7 11 0 0 Brighester 9-2 (Nrs Merma Jones) 6 cm FORM GUIDE.

The ideosyntcrancies of PRIDWELL are well chronicided but the fact remains he can be a useful performer on this day – he was, other all, third in lest season's Champion Hurdle. Severith ful performer on this day – he was, other all, third in lest season's Champion Hurdle. Severith and staying on in this year's race, Pridwell was out again two days later and drooped away and staying on it this year's hardle, his creations 48 hours over the base brief when saving on safetier rather than lack of stamma being the prime reason, He hung left when staying on against Binsey at Aintree over two and a half miles, moreso before finishing strongly against against Binsey at Jinnee over two miles at Chepstow, and there is no reason why he shouldn't Ashwell Boy tree 27(b) over two miles at Chepstow, and there is no reason why he shouldn't get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong. A late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong at late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong at late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong at late defector is get this mp in such a smell field where the pace may not be that strong at late and the pace may not be the strong at late and the pace may not be the strong at late and the pace may not be the strong at late

2.10 CROWTHER HOMES SWINTON HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS A) (Grade 3) £35,000 added 2m 2-10 DLE (CLASS A) (Grade 3) £35,000 added 2m | Lagod 20105 DLE (CLASS A) (Grade 3) £35,000 added 2m | Lagod 20105 DLE (CLASS A) (Grade 3) £35,000 added 2m | Lagod 20105 DLE (CLASS A) (Grade 3) £35,000 added 2m | Lagod 20105 DLE (CLASS A) (Grade Broughton Mas H kinglin 6 11 11 | Lagod 20105 DLE (Lagod 20105 DLE

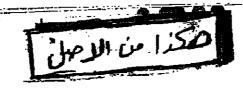
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| 3.15 DLE (CLASS F) £2.600 added 2m 4f | |

| 3 | .15 | CROWTHER HOMES EDGE GREEN NOVICE CLAMMING HE DLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 4f | UR- |
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| 2 | FO-1420 | SRUMON (5) (Nike Pirm) D Moffatt 6 11 6 | |
| 3 | POUG-40 | TUDOR TOWN (75) (P D Purcy) & Bishop 9 11 2 | Ser |
| 4 | | TEN MORE SINCHAS (Paul Holinshead) A Streeter 7 10 12R Date | |
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| 7 | | SOUSSE (14) Werndale Racing Partnership Mrs M Revoley 4 10 5 | |
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- 5 declared BETTING: 4-7 Sharpical, 4-1 Riparkus, 7-1 Sercegon, 10-1 Smotensk, 20-1 Noon Devil. 1996: Dream Role 5 11 7 R Durwood, 6-4 für Nechsland 9 ran



4.20 SEDGWICK UK RISK HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 3m 11,0yds

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| GODING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Straight course — stands wife. Round course — made. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best for 71 & 1m. Left-hand course, level but quite sharp. Course is west of town on AGI. Thoule statum im. ADI. SION. Club & [1]. Tattersaite & 1 & 10.00. | C 122- |
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| SETTING: 11-4 Tabasco Jazz, 3-1 Shedoof, 7-2 Young Preceding, 4-1 Tennah, 10-1 Van Chino, 14-1 Impetus, 18-1 others | |
| 3.20 WALKER MORRIS HANDICAP (CLASS C) | |

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2.55 MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 3f

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3.25 GREAT BRAMPTON HOUSE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 3f 110yds

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| 1 Society Ciri, 20-1 Shawkey | |
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| Rolle, S-1 Isoccutt Coords | 11 OR MERCHANA PRINCESS (AC) B Protes 5 12 0 Magdan |
| 3.10 WATERAID HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 8) | 12 00 TAMBETS HILL (77) P Webser 5 110 |
| £10,000 added 3m 2f | 13 5 TOTEM FOLE (\$3) 161 14 Revelop 4 11 0 |
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| 4 G0F450 THE PENCE SERBOURS (40) D McCard 6 11 0 D Make 1 |
| 5 PS2452 ARCTIC BLOOM (19) C Recode 11 10 9 |
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5.45 What Chance 6.15 Never So Blue 6.45 Harristown Lady 7.15 Amiah 7.45 Plan-A 8.15 Brookhampton Lane

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

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Top Cees on Cup trail

Merit, last year's six-length win- who took third place behind Top ner of the Chester Cup, is to Cees here two years ago. miss Wednesday's renewal of the race. Paul Cole withdrew the war against dopers in British five-year-old at yesterday's five- racing was revealed yesterday day declaration stage for the £50,000-added event, in which he would have been aiming to emulate Sea Pigeon's back-to-

back victories in 1977 and 1978. But Lynda Ramsden has left in the 1995 scorer Top Cees, who would be the first horse to win twice in non-consecutive years this century if successful.

Only 16 horses remained in the two-and-a-quarter-mile handicap yesterday, after the non-declaration of 17 of the original entries. Notable acceptors include the Henry Cecil-trained Newbury winner Canon Can, third in the Cesarewitch last year, and The Flying Phantom (Mark Tompkins)

The latest weapon in the with the opening of the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory's new complex in Fordham, Cambridgeshire.

The need for the HFL to expand its operation meant a move from its old premises at Soham House in Newmarket, prompting the Levy Board to invest in a new purpose-built site. In addition to a stable block,

paddocks and a conference suite, the 35-acre complex houses state-of-the-art laboratories. Sir Thomas Pilkington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, said: "The laboratory will enable Britain to stay at the very forefront of horse-race forensic science."



Nascem Hamed is looking for a swift end to his fight with Billy Hardy tonight Photograph: Empics

Roses rivals on course to upstage Hamed

Of tonight's three world title fights, only one really interests boxing fans, says Harry Mulian

In the long ago days when there were only eight world ti-Benn and Chris Eubank in preties in the market, it would have vious title bids, but claims to have been unthinkable to have three learned from the experience. championship fights on the same card. Now there are 85 titles on offer from the five recognised governing bodies – a bizarre misnomer in the five recognised. a bizarre misnomer in this most free-wheeling and uncontrolled of sports - so it is not as big a deal as the salesman at Sky

Nynex Arena in Manchester. Nascem Hamed defends his World Boxing Organisation and International Boxing Federation versions of the featherweight title against Sunderland's Billy Hardy in the main event, but while he will command the headlines and the seven-figure cheque, the principal interest for boxing fans is the Lancashire v Yorkshire match for the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title when Robin Reid from Runcorn defends against Henry Wharton from York.

The fact that this, in real terms, is no more than an outstanding British championship pairing offers its own comment even Reid, a modest and engaging young fighter, would claim to be the best in the world none the less appealing.

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Frank Warren, who manages the undefeated Reid, and Mickey Duff, who has now steered Wharton to three world-title bids, have struck a £50,000 side bet on the outcome, with Wharof Duff's stake.

It is that rarity, a genuine even-money pairing which would probably have sold the arena on its own, even without the added attraction of the Hamed fight and the late-career opportunity given to the popular local light-mid-dleweight Steve Foster, who challenges for Ronald Wright's night's third title fight. Wharton, sion to the proceedings.

Reid, 26, won his title the hard became champion was also the first time he had topped a bill. so he will be comfortable in play ing a supporting role to Hamed. Sports would have us believe Wharton, a seasoned cam-when three titles are at stake on tonight's promotion at the 28 fights, represents by far the severest test be has yet faced.

Vincenzo Nardiello, from whom Reid took the title, was soon demoralised by the Englishman's power and presence, while Giovanni Pretorius, Reid's first challenger was a blown-up light-middleweight who, what-ever the official weights claimed, looked to be several divisions lighter than the champion.

Wharton is the heavier one-punch hitter, particularly with the left hook, but tends to be onepaced and predictable, which could be his undoing against the smooth and versatile Reid.

Like Wharton, Hardy has been the mandatory challenger for more than a year and on the state of world boxing. Not Hamed has made it plain that the gritty, vastly experienced Wearsider would not have been his ideal choice of opponent. in a division which includes his Hardy has won 14 of his 18 ti-WBO rival Steve Collins and the tle fights at every level across 14 World Boxing Association's years and two weight divisions, Frankie Liles, but the fight is and performed well in two bids and performed well in two bids for the IBF bantamweight title. Yet it would be a huge shock were he to win tonight, and he will have performed above expectations if Hamed is taken past the half-way stage. Steve Foster's WBO title

ton himself putting up £15,000 chance is an overdue "thank you" for services rendered in a long career, but the 36-year-old is likely to be painfully outclassed by Wright, who trounced Foster's more gifted stablemate, Ensley Bingham, on his previous appearance here. But at least Foster's army of supporters, who wear Viking behinets in honour of their man's nick-WBO championship in the name, will lend colour and pas-



RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL: St Helens v Bradford Bulls, Wembley Stadium, 2.45pm

Bradford have the hunger

DAVE HADFIELD Rugby League Correspondent

There will be no landslide result at Wembley today. Bradford and St Helens - out on their own as the best sides in the British game are too well-matched for that

and victory in the Challenge Cup final could hinge on marginal factors.

Of the two, the Bulls have had the smoother preparation. They have not had the disruption of a key player such as Alan Hunte remaining in doubt until the day of the match, nor of the bizarre

notion that Scott Gibbs should be snatched back from rugby union to replace him. Hunte played so well before his namstring injury two weeks ago ~ especially in conjunction with the excellent Karle Hammond - that the temptation to wait until the last minute for him

to recover is understandable. "Alan has been doing some running and there have been no side-effects," said the Saints coach, Shaun McRae, at Wembley yesterday. "He has not been flat out, but there are enough signs to give him another 24 hours. If the match was today, I would be extremely unlikely to pick him, but it's improving rapidly."

If Hunte does not make it, McRae must choose between Andy Haigh and the explosive Vila Matautia to fill the gap in the centres. The chances are that he will opt for the young Haigh. leaving Matautia in the role in which he has done the most damage, coming into the fray as a substitute at some stage.

McRae's other decision concerns the Australian secondrow, Derek McVey, who has not played since damaging ankle ligaments on Good Friday.

McVey has had every treatment known to medical science in a bid to get fit, including herbal infusions and manipulation. In purely physical terms, he is regarded as fit, but his lack of any match practice makes it likely

that he too will start on the bench. best - or an inspired substitu-Bradford have had to rule out Jon Scales, but most of prove enough to swing it. Matthew Elliott's problems this week have centred on how best to use the talent at his disposal.

Stuart Spruce

Darren Peacock

Graeme Bradley

Paul Loughlin .

Glen Tombinson

James Lowes

Bernard Dwyer

Sorany Nickie

Simon Knox .

Referee: S Cummings (Witines).

Brian McDermott

Tomlinson playing at scrum-half, with Robbie Paul, man of the match and hat-trick scorer last ear, moving to stand-off.

In a sense, it is a matter of secondary importance where Paul plays. His is the sort of untrammelled genius that would shine through if you stuck him at open-side prop and it will be on Saints' ability to control him that much will depend.

The big difference from last year is that Paul now has more creative players around him, notably the hooker. James Lowes, and the loose forward.

Steve McNamara.
That gives the Bulls a brains trust in midfield that any side would eavy. Throw in the in-fluence that Graeme Bradley invariably exerts over proceedings and Bradford look suspiciously like a Cup-winning side.

The biggest danger to that the-ory comes from their former player, Paul Newlove. He made a slow start to the season, but has shown signs recently of getting back to his best at the ideal time.

Newlove seems to play best when he is feeling grumpy and he has looked that way of late. He was the only Saint who declined to stick around for pre-Wembley interviews last week and was in abrasive and unstoppable mood against Castleford in his last outing.

Man for man, however.

Bradford have the greater desperation for victory today. Noone is hungrier than a Wembley loser a year later, with the possible exception of players like Tomlinson, Lowes and McNamara who were signed too late to play in the 1996 final.

Both sides are capable of winning a close game off the beach. but an educated guess at who might do so this year leads to Bradford's Paul Medley, who has never been more effective in his long career than he is now

as a shock weapon. It might be too much to expect a match as compelling as last year's classic, but everything points to a gripping contest decided by factors like these. A missing star - or one not at his

tion late in the game could

Non-scientific sampling meth-

ods point to these sides sharing the spoils of the season, starting His solution - although one he with Bradford lifting the Cup tomight yet vary - involves Glen day, possibly after a recount. BRADFORD BULLS v ST HELENS

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Paul Newlow

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Kieron Cunningham

Anthony Sullivan

...Alan Hunta

Probable teams

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Second row

...Loose forward



Honours elude Cup's history men

1897 David Traynor Motley Saints and pristine Batley inaugurate Cup

Rugby league - or Northern Union, as it was then known was a mere infant when the decision was taken to introduce a knock-out cup during the breakaway organisation's secand year of competition. Even in the world of rugby union which they had left behind, it was the romance of cup rugby that already pulled in the big

Along with the teams like Bradford and St Helens which have survived to this day, the first Cup draw included longforgotten clubs such as Morecambe and Dukinfield.

Saints reached the first final. photographs of which show them wearing hooped jerseys

which were not only badly faded, but which did not match. They lost 10-3 to a better turned out Batley - the Gallant Youths - but one of their players, the Widnes-born winger David Traynor, had the consolation of scoring the first Cup final try to be hailed as some-

Batley were winning 7-0 when Traynor went from inside his own half to score. Contemporary reports said that: "There will not be many better tries scored in the final, even if the Challenge Cup should last for a hundred years."

thing special.

1929 John Leake First Wembley final shifts the game to bigger stage

Leake never scored a try or kicked a goal in the Challenge Cup, but he played a part in the history of the game that has not been fully acknowledged. Leake was the secretary of the

Welsh Commission, a shadowy organisation with a brief to convert the Principality to the 13a-side code, either by co-opting existing union clubs or establishing new ones to play league. It was he who put forward the suggestion that the final should

be moved to London - although

As the Challenge Cup celebrates its centenary this afternoon, Dave Hadfield reflects on those whose achievements and misfortunes have become part of the competition's folklore

White City and Crystal Palace Wigan all the way before going their captain became the first were both mentioned along with

Wembley as possible venues. The scheme was voted in by the narrow margin of 13-10 and Wigan beat Dewsbury 13-2. with Syd Abram scoring the first Wembley try and Roy Kinnear, father of the comedian of the

same name, the third. 1965 Brian Gabbitas Classic confrontation pits Hunslet against Wigan

Hunslet was already a club with its best days behind it when the south Leeds side faced Wigan in what was regarded at the time as the best final ever played.

Hunslet took a star-studded



Syd Hynes is the first man to be sent off at Wembley

boxer Naseem Hamed, in the

down 20-16. It was the only time that journalists have been unable to separate two candidates for the Lance Todd Trophy. Gabbi-tas, the Hunsiet stand-off playing the game of his life, shared the award with the Wigan full-

back, Ray Ashby. Eight years later, Hunslet left their Parkside ground, a trauma from which they have only recently recovered. Today's appearance in the Plate final is their

first return to Wembley. 1968 Don Fox Misses 'sitter' to scupper

Wakefield Trinity's hopes

The most unforgettable blunder in Cup final history was Don Fox's failure to kick a lastminute goal, from in front of the sticks, that would have given wakeneid minity victory Leeds in what, due to a prematch downpour, became known as The Watersplash

Fox, a member of a famous rugby league family - one brother, Neil, was among the finest players of his generation, and another, Peter, one of its most successful coaches - had already won the Lance Todd. But that fact is only remembered in the context of his subsequent miss. For once. Eddie Waring

found precisely the right phrase: "Poor lad." Fox seemed haunted by his dreadful moment for уеага.

1971 Syd Hynes Controversy clouds ignominious dismissal

Leeds were the hottest of favourites to win this final, but were already on the way to defeat by homespun Leigh when gives all as Hull fall

man to be sent off at Wembley. Inevitably, Leigh's playerbest ever. coach, Alex Murphy, was at the

centre of the controversy. He went down in a tackle by Hyues, who was then pointed down the tunnel by the referee.

Billy Thompson. Hynes still claims to have done nothing untoward and there are spectators who swear

that they saw Murphy wink conspiratorially as he was taken off on a stretcher. He returned in good time to

collect the Cup and Hynes lost his unique claim to fame when Richie Eyres, of Widnes, was sent off in the 1993 final ley images. 1996 Nathan Graham Goulding's bombs prove too hot to handle



Nathan Graham comes under fierce pressure last year

1985 Peter Sterling Outstanding Australian

Hull's Australian scrum-half was arguably the best player of his era and he played a huge part in the final which took over from 1965 by being

generally recognised as the The Wigan stand-off, Brett Kenny (Sterling's team-mate for Paramatta and Australia). won the Lance Todd, but Sterling's display was extraordinary, as he probed and

prompted, keeping Hull in the game for long enough to make At the end, Sterling sank to his knees, Kenny's gesture of sympathy towards him pro-

ducing one of the great Wemb-

The Bradford Bulls' full-back had been having a good match against St Helens last year until six minutes midway brough the second half that turned the game on its head.

In that short time, Graham three times failed to take high kicks from Bobbie Goulding. although on at least one occasion he was entitled to expect more help from other defenders. Three times Saints came up with tries and three times Goulding kicked the goals as they went on to win Wembley's most spectacular final 40-32.

The then Bradford coach. Brian Smith, mounted a spirited defence of Graham: "All those who'd like to be at the back to take those balls, with people coming through with baseball bats and hand grenades, should form a queue outside my office on Monday morning." Smith declared that he still

had full confidence in Graham - and three weeks later bought a new full-back, Stuart Spruce, from Widnes.

Walking wounded fight for the prize

CRICKET: 13

Rugby Union 🧼 CHRIS HEWETT

Desperate straits, desperate remedies and 50 hell with the consequences. Precisely one week before they meet in the Pilkington Cup final. Sale and Leicester will this afternoon drag the sick from their beds, patch up their walking wound-ed and take the field at Heywood Road in pursuit of a prize that, if truth be fold, means in-finitely more than a showpiece

outing to Twickenham.
Unexpectedly in Sale's case, unimaginably in Leicester's, today's Courage League finale will decide which of the two goes forward into next season's Heineken Cup competition. It is one or the other, a do or die occasion that promises to leave

next weekend's contest standing in terms of intensity. The curious aspect of this particular battle is that many of the key protagonists are already shot to pieces. Sale, who have always identified Heineken qualification as their first and only priority, are asking Simon Man-nix, Dewi Morris, Jos Baxendell and Dave Erskine to ignore

strained backs, turned ankles and crushed ribs. Leicester are even more dependent on pills and potions: John Wells plays despite a comprehensively wrecked shoulder joint, while Will Greenwood and Eric Miller are expected to make sudden, not to

say miraculous, recoveries from long-term ankle problems. All this 11th-hour anxiety is hard for Leicester to take. A month ago they were not only stone-cold certainties for Europe, but odds-on favourites to resume cross-border hostilities as English champions; today, they are looking forward to the future with all the relish of

a Eurosceptic Scottish Tory. "For all that, spirits are high," said Bob Dwyer, their Aus-tralian coach. "The mood among the players is as determined as you'd expect, given what is at stake. Sale are terribly difficult to beat, but we need to focus on the way we've dealt with other good sides this season and draw strength from that.
It's a big game, made all the bigger by the fact that money is involved. We can't really afford

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not to be in Europe." Dwyer's selection gambles have produced more than the odd grumble in recent weeks certainly, the Leicester faithful were aghast when he preferred young Lewis Moody to Wells for last weekend's home match with Harlequins, whose onepoint victory landed the Tigers in the hole they now inhabit. But he has gone for the bold option once again today, recalling Leon Lloyd to the left wing. dropping John Liley for Niall Malone at full-back and recalling a thoroughly cheesed-off Austin Healey at scrum-half.

Down in the West Country. Bristol recall Mark Regan and Simon Shaw, their unsettled England and Lions tight forwards, against West Hartlepool at the Memorial Ground. With an edgy play-off beckoning in midweek against Bedford, Bristol considered giving both men an additional few days to recover from injury before opting to squeeze every last ounce of value from their high-profile

transfer targets.

WEEKEND FIXTURE GUIDE

QUOTES OF THE WEEK tt definitely put me off. He

Match not on pools couppoins: 3.0 unless has got an intimidating face. You wonder if at any minute he's going to lump out and lay one on you. Darren Morgan; on the off-putting presence of Stephen Hendry's friend, the

press seats during Morgan's defeat to Handry in the soocker World Championship Thu concentrate on what you are doing whether it's Naz or a journalist sitting there. Hendry. the inevitable. Will Carling at-

temational-rugby. When you get out of the car there's not much celebrating going on little a sense of re-lief risk it's over. Damon Hill, torgetly of Williams and now of Arrows on driving for a smaller team.

Sometimes you do some-thing in training and you wonder If you might get one like it in a match. Glenn Hoodle, Engtand manager, on his side's first goal in the win over Georgia. There have been different viters, different managers and different assistant managers. It would be difficult for a factory to be run like that. never mind a football club. We can't lod ourselves. It will take a miracle to stay up now. Dean Saunders, of Nottingham Forest, on his side's plight.

TODAY Football

March not on proce boulers. So receives stated
CSS FOOTBALL LEAGUE Premier Division:
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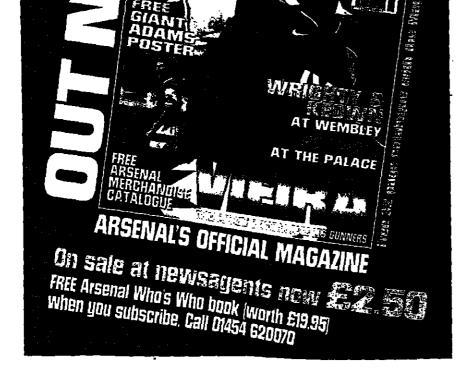
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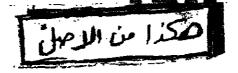
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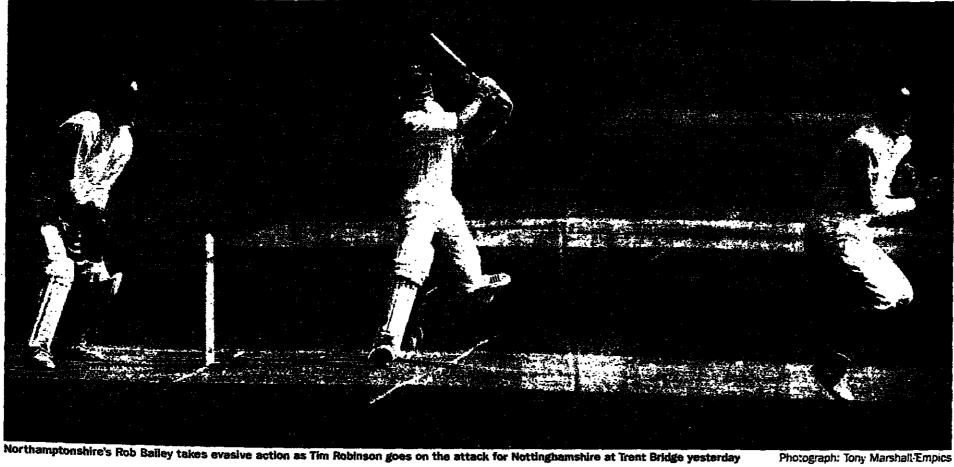
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EDENDENT WIRE

SPORT

CRICKET: Both Yorkshire and Lancashire leave it late while Universities succumb at The Oval



Photograph: Tony Marshall-Empics

Austin remains cool in crisis

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Edgbaston Lancashire 208-8 Warwickshire 208 Lancashire win because they lost fewer wickets

The Tories may have been wiped out, but Laneashire, for the moment at least, were clearly out to prove that not all dynasties have had their day. Having lost their two previous matches, the doyens of one-day cricket and the Benson and Hedges Cup holders were in danger of rellinquishing their title without even entering the knock-out stage.

It may still happen, but after fewer wickets in a thrilling last-

Derbyshire have their eyes on

the Championship after their

splendid achievement in fin-

the meantime, it might be un-

Wednesday's victory over

Lancashire, the county they

beat at Lord's in 1993, put them

in a promising position in Group

A, the toughest of the qualify-

ing sections, with their last three

matches at home. Their coach.

Les Stillman, one half of the

Australian double act who or-

ganised Dertyshire's advance in 1996, is trying to give youth its

Benson and Hedges Cup.

reports from Derby

a chance of further glory.

In a nail-biting game that swung far more unpredictably than the swingometer operated by Peter Snow, Warwickshire fell at the last having been well placed after Allan Donald's 5 for 25, his competition best, kept the Lancashire total to 208.

To that end they owe much to lan Austin, so often their unsung hero, but the coolest man to bowl at the death. It was his straight as a dye yorkers as much as Richard Green's return from deep point to run out Gladstone Small off the final ball that won the game for Lancashire.

Lancashire's approach to beating Warwickshire by losing one-day cricket is one of opposites: they attack with their but when he bowls as quickly and gung-ho batting and retrieve un- as straight as he did yesterday, gap between bat and pad.

No Derbyshire servant has

more of that then Kim Barnett.

who will be 37 this summer yet

match-winning know-how, an

ingredient often as vital as raw

at Old Trafford was the corner-

stone of a comfortable win

another man of the match per-

formance against Yorkshire.

who needed to win to retain a

realistic chance of themselves

qualifying for the last eight.

Having arrested Yorkshire's

progress with three wickets.

Barnett again provided his side

Yesterday, he contributed

against the holders.

experience.

ishing second last season but in remains invaluable for his

wise to bet against them re-peating their 1993 success in the talent. Barnett's unbeaten 112

team performance the Conser-vative party clearly lacked, they and fielding tightly. But if the at least have given themselves former let them down at Edgbaston, the latter was beautifully delivered with Peter Martin a shining example of the oldfashioned virtues of line and

> Poor Warwickshire, the ghost of Dermot Reeve still lingers as the performances of Trevor Pennev and Graeme Welch both indicate. Having turned the game around, they lost four wickets in four overs, and, despite Donald's hery burst, the knock-out blow they possessed under Reeve now seems to elude them. Donald, despite the relentless workload now heaped upon him by country and county, retains an incredible appetite for howling. One-day cricket is not his forte,

Barnett makes full use of his know-how

Yorkshire, who felt the pitch

was good enough to but first after

winning the toss, might have had 40 or 50 runs more had they not

stumbled after a promising start.

Martyn Moxon helped his cap-

tain, David Byas, establish a de-

cent momentum before the

latter was leg before to a de-

serving Phil DeFreitas, who

swung the new ball appreciably.

The setback had no detri-mental effect on Yorkshire's

progress. Moxon and Michael

Vaughan now put on 71 in 13

inconsistent bowling once De-

Freitas had taken a rest. With-

out Dominic Cork (injured)

County Ground.

even a strong butting line-up like Lancashire's is powerless to re-Lithe yet coiled, he surged in

from the Pavilion End after Graeme Welch's ineffective opening burst had allowed the aneashire openers to settle. By spending last summer playing for Rishton in the Lancashire League, Donald - having identified that he would be bowling

a lot of overs - shortened his run. The change has helped to hone an already lethal action without compromising on pace. a combination Lancushire were to become acutely aware of. But if Jason Gallian was guilty of carelessness as he nonehalantly chipped the fast bowler to cover. John Crawley was scuttled by a rocket two balls later

land's winter tours with reputation enhanced. Crawley is not having the best of starts to the season, and this was his secand duck out of three games in this competition.

Having returned from Eng-

His form is not the only concern, however, and with Australia due to arrive in 10 days time, Atherton could have done with some runs as well. Instead, having plodded his way to 24 off 47 balls, he edged a loose drive at Donald to slip.

When Donald rested, Lancashire did manage to prosper. Wasim Akram, the Gold Award winner, with an unbeaten 52 and Ian Austin with 35, both scored valuable runs in unpromising circumstances to ensure that they had something to bowl at. for nought, as he left a yawning. In the event it proved just

Jones, but his faith in the quality of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues at the different players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues at the different players continues at the different players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues at the different players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continues to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior players continued to prove the value of the more senior pla

the arrival of Craig White to partner Anthony McGrath restored Yorkshire's equilibrium

opened with 62 in 10 overs as White and Chris Silverwood

coast to victory **ROUND-UP**

Surrey

John Major, suddenly with more time on his hands, quickly found something to do vesterday. After leaving two London landmarks he crossed the river to pop in the The Oval and saw Surrey comfortably beat the British Universities by six wickets with almost 25 overs to

Despite the loss, the students Will House won the Gold Award. The batsman, who is on Kent's books, hit one six and 11 fours on his way to an entertaining 93 off 92 balls.

The students' bowling attack undid all that and more inside 10 overs. By then Surrey had reached 97 without loss. Only Durham's Mark Chilton, with 2 for 8 from three overs, managed anything respectable with his medium pace.

Alec Stewart lost his opening partner Alistair Brown at 98, hitting his second half-century in three Benson and Hedges matches this season. He eventually finished on 86 not out having hit three sixes and 11 fours.

Apart from Brown's 47 Stewart received little help from his team-mates and House had had pretty much the same sort of experience when he was batting. Only his Kent colleague, James Ford, with a sturdy 38 gave him any support in the face of some parsimonious bowling with Chris Lewis the pick, returning figures of 8-5-6-2.

Jack Russell, the England wicketkeeper, has escaped pun-ishment from Lord's for his autobiography Jack Russell

MIC J Ball c & b Stephenson

Total (for 9, 50 overs) _____263 Pall: 1-70, 2-126, 3-154, 4-179, 5-199, 6-215, 7-228, 8-232, 9-263.

Bowling: Mascarentos 10-1-52-0; Ron-shaw 10-1-42-2; Maru 10-0-51-2; Udal 10-1-31-2; Stephenson 10-0-79-2.

A M Smith not out Extras (IDS, w10)......

Did not bat: R P Davis.

Fall: 1-6, 2-6, 3-86, 4-149, 5-193, 6-199, 7-214, 8-245, 9-247.

Bowling Smith 10-2-35-2; Young 10-1-54-4; Alleyne 9-0-67-1; Ball 10-0-40-1; Hancock 1-0-10-0; Daws 10-0-48-1

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Extras (fb7, w5, nb5).

Total (for 9, 50 overs).

Time is right for Hodgson

Motorcycling ANDREW MARTIN

If ever Neil Hodgson is to step out from the shadow of his illustrious team-mate, Carl Fogarty, then tomorrow at Donington Park provides an opportune moment.

Round three of the World Superbike championship could prove the arena in which the 23year-old works Ducati rider records his first WSB victory. A fourth place in a downpour at Misano, Italy, in the previous round compensated for failing to finish either race in Australia.

Hodgson, who spent an unspeciacular year racing 500cc ands prix before returning to WSB. fell at McLeans last year, breaking his wrist after recording a blistering qualifying time. "I felt terrible last year," he said. "because I let the fans

down. Because of my time in GPs I didn't have such a big following in the UK and I really wanted to show what I could do. I am determined to do better

Fogarty, twice world cham-

pion, back with Ducati after a glum season riding a Honda, poses the main threat to such ambitions. The Blackburn Bullet believes he is quite capable of breaking the track record if the conditions are right. "Whether I go fast depends on if I can get the bike set up - it Il be tough but I don't think it will

be impossible." Both Britons are more than aware of the challenge presented by the current series leader, John Kocinski. The temperamental American now holds a 14-point advantage af-ter he coasted to twin victories in Italy and has declared his intent to return to 500s next season. Success on the Honda RC45 tomorrow will bolster his case for a NSR 500cc mount.

Yet Fogarty, ever confident in his own abilities, is unimpressed, "Kocinski will struggle at Donington," he predicted. "He likes to have the Honda set up to steer real quick and has the front wheel pulled in almost under the engine. He has never done very well at Donington." Spanish Grand Prix

qualifying, Digest, page 31

Jets prepare for play-off take-off

Basketball

RICHARD TAYLOR

The Chester Jets coach, Mike Burton, believes he owes their fans a memorable weekend at Wembley Arena, after their 69-57 defeat against London Towers in the 7-Up League Trophy final back in January. The Jets, bottom three fin-

ishers in the league for the previous five years, have had the history and make their debut at the Budweiser play-offs in tonight's first semi-final against the league champions, the Leopards. "But we didn't deliver for our fans in that League Trophy final and we're very con-scious of that," Burton said. "Chester sports fans don't get

many chances to support a team at Wembley and we want to make this count." Chester finished fifth, but eliminated fourth-placed Birmingham Bullets, last season's

at Wembley. The Jets beat Leopards 80-79 in their last league meeting at London Arena. But Burton warned, "We played to our strengths and took away theirs, but they'll be a lot tougher this time.

The Leopards coach, Billy Mims, who is recovering from a hernia operation, played down the pressure on his team adding a third title to their league and National Cup triumphs. He said: "We want to be most successful season in their the best we can and if that means taking two titles, we'll still say we had a great season."

The Towers, who won three titles last season, face a Sheffield team beaten in the semi-finals for the past two years. The Sharks coach, Jim Brandon, said: "There is no team in the country we can't beat."

The Towers coach, Kevin Cadle, said: "If we win here, it will mean five titles out of a possible eight in the last two years." Leopards, runners-up Towers and third-placed Sheffield Sharks

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England inspired by double from Smith

Hockey BILL COLWILL

Canada England

Jane Smith was again on target as England came from behind in the second game of the Five Nations Tournament in Vancouver to beat Canada in an end-to-end contest.

Canada, who in their open-ing game had beaten Ireland 1-0 and have been in training for the past two months, were the first to attack and although Smith went close after 10 minutes when she slammed the ball against the upright, it was Canada who took the lead in the 22nd minute. Laurelee Kopeck came forward out of defence to beat Carolyn Reid in the English goal to the joy of a large and

excited home crowd. England lifted their game and the additional pressure quickly paid dividends as they won a penalty corner in the 25th minute from which Smith scored with a stinging drive. With two minutes of the half remaining England took the lead.

for her persistence with a well taken rasping shot from the edge of the circle after some slack defending.

England were called upon to show their defensive skills in a tremendous second half battle in which, once again, the veteran Karen Brown, Kirsty Bowden and Slough's Lisa Copeland winning only her second cap, were outstanding.

Nineteen-year-old Carol Voss in the centre of the midfield also looked very promising. England's coach, Mageie Souyave, while agreeing that her young team looked tired, was pleased with their outstanding defensive performance, commenting: "A win's a bonus." In the second game Tracey

Fuchs' goal was enough to give America a 1-0 win over Japan. England's next opponents.

England's Next Opponents.
CANADAS & Forbes; D'Anderson: L'Kopach, N'Cotaco (capif, K'MacNetl'; L'Faust, G'Sewell, C'Thomson: C'Hunter, A Grenes, A MacParlane. Substitution issocit V Planeta), L'Eastman, J Wong, S'Ingley.

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Hospieses M Cashwell (185) and A McCloskey.

Tina Cullen being rewarded (Inspires: M Cashwell (US) and A McCloskey

Students can graduate

While the County Champihorough Students and Edgbaston will be doing battle at the last place in next season's team to beat. National League_line-up. writes Bill Colwill. The striking power of Loughborough's Brett Gillmon could see them through to be the first university with teams in both the men and women's National Leagues.

A Surrey v Cheshire final looks most likely in the County Championship but first Surrey. based strongly on the relegated Sussex, while Cheshire, inbrothers, need to beat Lancashire.

The final stages of the RAF tomorrow at three venues with National Stadium on Mon-next season.

day. In the Under-14 event, onship will dominate pro- Bethnal Green High School ceedings at Milton Keynes defend their title in the early today and tomorrow, Lough- stages at Warwick University while in the Under-16 event at Bedford Hockey Club, St the National Stadium to decide George's College will be the Last season's Under-18 win-

ners, Wellington College, failed to qualify and will be missing from their group at the Milton Keynes Club where Cannock could cause a surprise. A number of players from

England's successful Under-16 and Under-18 squads in the recent Home Nations at Milton Keynes and Six Nations Tour-Surbiton side, must account for nament in Cologne will be on view, including Millfield's Ancluding the three Crutchley drew Todd in the Under-18 event. Todd, who has had National League experience this season with Isca, of the Careers Youth Cup takes place First Division, looks set to ioin his brother Rob at the the finals being played at the league champions, Reading.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Total (49.2 overs) _____245 Feb: 1-37, 2-43, 3-150, 4-151, 5-175, 6-186, 7-188, 8-239, 9-239. Bowling: Watkin 10-0-43-2; Parkin 10-1-51-0; Thomas 10-0-47-2; Dale 6.2-0-30-3; Croft 10-0-38-2; Butcher 3-0-23-0

Sussex won toss

C W J Athey c Marsh b Fleming ... K Newell c Eathern b Strang *†P Moores c Ward b Strang

Extras (b1, 25, w2)...... Total (47.3 overs)..... Falt: 1-0, 2-12, 3-18, 4-57, 5-60, 6-60, 7-82, 8-105, 9-144.

M V Fleming b Javis

M J Walter not out

T R Ward b Khan

A P Wells c Philips b Jarvis

G R Cowdray st Moores b Philips

M A Ealham not out Extras (03, w7, nb10)... Total (for 4, 37.1 overs).

Warwicks v Lanes EDGBASTON: Lancashire win by losing fewer wickets

150 for 2 in the 31st over everything looked set for a total in excess of 300. However, the loss of three wickets for 20 runs in the next six overs upset matters. Vaughan

aiming an inclegant swipe at the

leg-spinner. Vince Clarke, re-

cruited during the winter from

new Australian, Darren Lehmann, at last with some

practice under his belt, and at

This ushered in Yorkshire's

Leicestershire.

drove straight into the hands of Glen Roberts, the 23-year-old left-arm spinner, falling just

Peter Hartley was another likely to have been wincing over the manner of his dismissal but

and a stand of 69 in 11 overs. Barnett and Chris Adams

struggled with their line and an exciting stand of 78 in 17 overs with Gul Khan took Derbyshire to 175 for 3 with 12 overs left but Silverwood's dismissal of Khan with the first ball of his second spell sparked an unexpected hiccup, with three wickets falling in as many overs, including Barnett, who holed out to long-on off the spin of

Benson & Hedges Cup N Shahid not out Extras (b2, b1, w2, nb4) Somerset v ireland TAUNTON: Somerset won by 221, runs SOMERSET G D Rose c Eagleson b Cronje Did not bet: C C Lewis, I D K Seljebury, 1J A Knott, M P Bicknell, J E Benjamin.

Fell: 1-87, 2-91, 3-126, 4-216, 5-256, 6-311. 7-349. Did not bet: JID Kerr, A R Caudsck, Mushtaq.Ahmed.
Bowling: Eagleson 7-0-50-0; Cooke 10-0-76-1; McCrum 9-0-58-2; Crorje 9-1-60-2; Benson 4-0-29-1; Heasley 8-0-43-1; Moins 3-0-23-0.

RELAND K W McCallen b Caddick ... †A Patterson & Bowler & Ahrned50 D A Lewis & Lathwell & Rose10 W J Cronje Ibw b Ahmed *J D R Benson b Ahmed A R Dunico c Harden & Ahmed ... G Cooke not out
P McCrum c Rose b Ahmed
Extres (\$66, w9, nb6)

Bowling: Rose 6-0-39-1; Caudick 10-1-53-2; Ahmed 9-2-2-24-7; Kert 2-0-6-0

Umptres: J H Hampshire and J F Steele. Surrey v British Univ THE POSTER'S OVAL: Surrey won by six

British Universities won toss

U B A Rashid b A J Holioake ...12
P S Jones C Brown b A J Holioake ...12 M k Davies not out.

Notes (49.5 overs) 198
Fall: 1-1, 2-14, 3-30, 4-30, 5-118, 6123, 7-185, 8-185, 9-188. 25, (-105, 6-185, 9-188, Bowling Bicknell 10-4-27-2; Lewis 8-5-6-2; Benjamin 10-2-25-1; BC Holicate 10-1-51-2; Salisbury 5-0-38-0; AJ Hol-licate 6.5-0-40-3.

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Bowling: Rashid 7-0-53-1; Martin-Jerk-ins 4-0-37-0; Jones 3-0-29-0; Davies 8-2-1-69-1; Chilton 3-0-8-2 Umphres: D R Shepherd and A G T White-

tW M Noon not out

K P Evers c Ripley b Mohermend Akram 7

R T Bates b Taylor Total (for 9, 50 overs) ______218 Felt 1-18, 2-50, 3-108, 4-149, 5-151, 6-195, 7-199, 8-210, 9-216.

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Old not batt: A L Penberthy, T C Walton, J N Snape, †D Ripley, J E Emburey, J P Taylor, Mohammad Alvam.

Bowling: Evens 7-1-26-0; Pick 8-0-59-0; Tolley 7-0-33-1; Dowlman 9-0-44-1; Archer 0.5-0-4-0; Bases 9.5-2-53-0 Uniplies: G I Burgess and A A Jones. Gjamorgan v Middlesex

CARDIFF: Glamorgan won by seven runs. Glamorgan won toss GLAMORGAN S P James c Brown b Fraser P A Cottey c Ramprakash b Dutch ...15 R D B Croft c Ramprakash b Dutch ...33 G P Rutcher not out t A D Shaw b Dutch . A J HolS D Thomas not cut

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Felt: 1-23, 2-94, 3-120, 4-152, Did not bat: N.J. Llong, P.A. Strang, *†S. A. Marsh, M.J. McCague, D. W. Headley. Bowling: Jarvis 10-1-42-2; Drakes 6-1-24-0; Robinson 7-0-42-0; Khan 10-1-36-1; Philips 3.1-1-6-1; Newell 1-0-1-0. Umplines: J H Harris and J W Holder.

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Total (50 overs) 206 Felt: 1-5, 2-10, 3-26, 4-71, 5-71, 6-88, 7-192, 8-203, 9-207. Bowling: Wasm 10-0-54-2; Marin 10-4-20-2; Austin 10-3-41-2; Green 10-1-41-1; Yates 10-0-43-2 Umpires: J D Bond and T E Jesty. Derbyshire v Yorkshire

DERENT: Yorkshire won due to higher run Yorkshire won toss YORKSHIRE
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M D Moxon low b Clarke
M P Vaughan c & b Roberts

O S Valence D S Lehmann b Barnett P J Hartley & Roberts A McGrath c Khan b Barnett ... †R J Blakey c Roberts b Barnett D Gough not out C White not out .

Total (for 7, 50 overs). Felt: 1-35, 2-106, 3-150, 4-162, 5-170, 6-239, 7-255. Did not bed: CEW Silverwood, RD Stemp. Bowling: DeFretas 10-1-38-1; Harris 9-0-56-0; Deen 8-1-40-0; Roberts 10-0-47-2; Clarke 3-0-17-1; Barnett 10-1-52-3. K J Barnett c Gough b Stemp) Adams low b Hartley D M Jones b Stemp A Khan c White b Silverwood

Extres (b4, lb6, w8, rb2)

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G M Roberts not out . Extres (b3, w9, nb12) Total (for 7, 50 overs). Fall: 1-62, 2-97, 3-175, 4-183, 5-183, 6-202, 7-252. Did Not Bat: K J Dean, A J Harris. Bowling: Gough 10-0-52-0; Silverwood 7-0-47-3; Whate 9-0-55-0; Hartley 10-1-32-1; Stemp 9-1-35-2; Vaughen 2-0-14-0; Lehmann 3-0-22-0

Umpires: D J Constant and V A Holder. **Wores v Minor Counities** WORCESTER: Worcestershire was by four wickets Minor Counties won toss

MINOR COUNTIES S J Dean c Moody b Haynes tP J Nicholson c Rnodes b Leatherdale 14 N V Radford c Weston b Leatherdate .7 A J Murphy not out Extras (b15, w19)......

Total (45.5 overs) ---Falt: 1-1, 2-33, 3-65, 4-65, 5-73, 6-102, Bowling: Newport 10-5-20-1; Haynes 10-3-15-1; Lampitt 8-1-33-1; Brinkley 8.5-0-55-1: Leatherdale 6-1-13-4; Hick **WORCESTERSHIRE**

G R Haynes & Dalton V S Solanki c & b Dalton K R Spring e Cockbain b Murphy D A Leatherdale not out ... S R Lampitt not out Extras (b10, w16). Fall: 1-26, 2-95, 3-116, 4-138, 5-160. 6-160. Did not bet: 1S J Rhodes, P J Newport.

J E Brinkley. Bowling: Rationd 10-2-23-0; Sharp 7-1-31-1; Murphy 10-0-39-2; Laudat 6.4-0-45-0; Dalton 9-1-33-3 Limpines: A Clarkson and R Julian. Hampshire v Gloucs SOUTHAMPTON: Gloucastershire won

by two runs. Gloucestershire wan toss GLOUCESTERSHIRE tR C Russell c Hayden b Stephenson 26 M W Alleyne c Aymes b Renshaw17 R I Dawson Ibw b Lidal

Scotland v Durham FORFAR: De FORFAR: Derham won by eight wickets Dutham won toss SCOTLAND B M W Patterson b Foster .

Umpires: R Paimer and P Willey

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1 J B Lewis C Williamson b Thomson 16 P D Collingwood c & b Gourtay M J Poster not out M A Roseberry not out Extras (lb2, w4)...... Total (for 2, 24.3 overs). Felt: 1-36, 2-68. Did not bet: *D C Boon, N J Speek, †M P Speet, J Boding, N Killeen, S J E Brown, A Walker.

Bowling: Thomson 6-1-28-1; Huribatt 4-0-19-0; Williamson 2-0-19-0; Gourlay 6.3-0-37-1; Steindl 3-0-21-0; Govan 2-0-24-0; Smith 1-0-4-0 on ross PAJ DeFreitos not out Umptress B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

Wenger's gospel of dedication

The Arsenal manager tells Glenn Moore how and why his methods have had such an impact at Highbury this season

meet Newcastle United today in a match which could go a long way to deciding whether they will enter the Champions' League as Premiership runners-up, it is hard to remember Highbury's mood when the season opened.

Arsenal were the "crisis dub" - Bruce Rioch had been sacked and an unknown Frenchman appointed who could not take over as he was working in Japan. Who then could have anticipated their current position, second in the Premiership and purveyors of some of the best football of the season?

Not the bookies. The Frenchman, no longer unknown, remembers their mood. "Foreign managers had not been successful and one of the biggest bets was how long I would last." he recalled with a grin. "Everybody was betting that I

would be gone by 1 January."

Arsène Wenger is now regarded as something of a guru, bringing enlightened ideas to the English game. Some of those ideas still take getting used to as I found when we met a few days ago in the Hertfordshire hotel Arsenal use as a base while their burned-down training facilities are rebuilt. It was early afternoon and I was tempted to order some tea and cakes to ease the conversation. Fortunately, I did not. Wenger, it transpires, would rather we did not eat cake.

We had been discussing the professionalism, or alleged lack of it, of English players when he suddenly said: "It is not the players' attitude which is the problem, it is the culture of the country. The whole day you have tea or coffee with milk and sugar and cakes. It is the worst,

sports diet. In the morning. eggs and bacon and a big fried breakfast, then tea and coffee with milk and sugar and cakes. Cake everyday, the whole day."

While saying this. Wenger has been looking appalled. As Ian Wright's tales of grilled broccoli with everything have indicated, this is a man who takes every aspect of a footballer's life seriously. It is hard to argue with the results.

He has, perhaps, been fortunate to arrive at Highbury just as men like Paul Merson and Tony Adams have been re-

You must work each day as if you could stay your whole life, but know you could leave any day'

assessing their lifestyle. It means he can say: "I don't think the drinking is a problem at Arsenal, not any more. They drink in other countries too - in Italy they drink wine, here they drink

But, I argue, session drinking is unusual in Italy. "It is rare in southern Europe," admits Wenger. "It is a northern thing, England, Scandinavia. But while people drink more, they smoke less. In France and southern Europe the problem is smoking. Nowhere is perfect, it would be boring if they were."

It sounds puritan, but that last comment betrays Wenger's acwould not have made the im-

quickly got the support of the players, if he were merely an imposer of rules.

"I was surprised by the attitude of the players when I came. I thought they would be more resistant to a foreign manager, but they were positive. When you can convince somehody that he can play better by doing something, he will accept it - or he is an idiot. I think generally players are very intelligent, so it is down to the manager to convince the players, Then you have to win games - if you do not nobody believes in you.

The players were better technically than I expected. English players do not look as good as they are because of the pace of the game and because they are not encouraged at the back to take risks in the buildup. The cautious attitude prevents defenders from showing their technique."

Not at Arsenal, not any more. One of the features of Wenger's reign are the regular appearances of defenders like Steve Bould and Tony Adams in attack. "English players are naturally attacking, they love to win," Wenger said. "Players do not play for a draw. Sometimes abroad you can feel on the pitch they are saying: 'If we play 0-0 it is all right'. Here they always give you more in the game than what you expect.

Teams do not give up. you always feel you are under pressure and can lose control of the game. The special atmosphere of the stadiums is a factor. It is fantastic. You can be leading 3-0, they come back to 3-1, suddenly you are in hell.

"The fans here are fantastic. So many people tell me: 'I am ceptance of human faults. He an Arsenal supporter for 40 years'. I always feel such a



Arsène Wenger: 'I was surprised by the players' attitude - I thought they would be resistant to a foreign manager'

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people. You can imagine if you have followed a club for so long how big a disappointment can be. It is amazing but it is also slightly scary because you feel if you disappoint these people you are really a bad man." All this from a man who is yet to read or see Ferer Pitch. Wenger also said he believes

the Premier League will be the best in the world in two or three years, but that is enough flattery. What does he not like about England? What would be change? It appears he is still un-

happy about fixtures.

It is the wrong idea that there are too many, it is the way they are arranged which is not right. For me, the predominant fixture should be the championship, you should not rearrange matches for cup replays

[non-British] have games with their national team. It is unbelievable. You should go down to 18 in the Premier League and cut the replays of the FA Cup and the Coca-Cola Cup.

"FA Cup replays may be part of the history of the game here, but you cannot have everything. You cannot have what you had before, be efficient in Europe, and have a Premier League with regular fixtures. It is impossible.

Then there is the press. "The positive side is that there is a lot of coverage. I love that. The negative side is they are too intrusive. When they don't check what they say I hate, and when they say the truth they can say anything. Rumours and smear campaigns are bad."

Which brings us to the dif-

a society where people respect each other. When you come back you feel this stupid adversity we have in Europe, all this aggression, jealousy and mercenary attitude. It is stupid the way we live. In Japan, there is everything you need to work but I came back - I did it be-

cause I love football and the place you have to be is Europe. Now Wenger lives in England, in a house among the leafy environs of the M25's northern ring. Does he enjoy living in

I can't tell you how it is to live here. I know the way to go to my house, to Colney [where Arsenal train , to Highbury and the airport. That's it. I have not time to do something else. I work every day and when I have

I don't get the feeling I work because I enjoy what I do. Some-times I don't know what to do and looking at the sky. It is imif I don't go to the ground or don't practice. I have lived like

Wenger is clearly as obsessed as any fan. What will he do when there is no football? For the first time he looks perturbed, almost scared, as he considers the prospect.

that for 18 years. I don't need

something to relax as I relax

every day.

That is my biggest problem. It is difficult for me to think about it. As long as you have your health, it is a disaster to stop working. It is to one day find you are out of society. You can find some hobbies but I would always feel what I was doing was not important. you must work every day as if you a day off I go to France. I live Maybe I will be a director, an

sitting around enjoying the sun

possible for me." This recalls the sad image of Bill Shankly hanging around Bellefield, Everton's training ground, because he left Liverpool prematurely and then got the feeling he was no longer wanted there. Will Wenger,

one day, be haunting Totten-

ham? Probably not, as he sees

Arsenal not as his life's work but

as just another chapter. "I want to do well with Arsenal, to respect the tradition of the club, and to leave something here so I can one day come back and have the satisfaction of seeing players who worked with me still doing well. I do not have a timespan. All I know in this job could stay your whole life but

The fight to avoid the trapdoor

Edgar Street is supposedly the second most isolated ground in the League ,but whether it is or not one can safely guarantee that Brighton's co-owner, Bill Archer, and chief executive. David Bellotti, will be as far away from the action at Hereford as possible this afternoon if they have any sense. One certainly hopes so, if only for their own well-being.

Should the Seagulls end up having their wings clipped after 77 years of uninterrupted League membership in this winner-takes-all game (although Brighton need only a draw) it would be advisable if neither man showed his face again anywhere, least of all the club's tem-

Clive White on today's all-or-nothing match between Hereford and Brighton

Priestfield Stadium or Hove Greyhound Stadium. Tensions are running high at the South Coast club these days and both men are held exclusively responsible for its demise after selling out to property developers.

Fourteen years ago the words "and Smith must score", uttered during a radio broadcast in their heroic but ultimately unsuccessful challenge for the FA Cup, were etched into football folklore; today the words on the lips of those radio commentators with a Brighton bias will be more like "and the Seagulis porary future home at either must not lose". Easier said than

of 22 away games in the League. But the bulk of those were be before the arrival of Steve Gritt at the Goldstone midway through December, since when. from being 12 points off the pace at the foot of the Third Division and seemingly Vauxhall Conference-bound, Brighton have whittled away the deficit to zero following last week's taut

done when you have lost 18 out

victory over Doncaster Rovers. Boldly, Gritt declares that they are going to Hereford to win. "We need to approach it the way we have approached our home games," he said.

"Our away form has put us in

this predicament." Asked if he took heart from such atrocious away form, the Hereford manager, Graham Turner, replied succinctly: "No."

Not surprising really since Hereford, by all accounts, were awful in losing at Leyton Orient last week. It is not, though, as if the League would be losing a club steeped in tradition, Hereford's famous FA Cup success against Newcastle came when they were members of the Southern League.

After what Brighton fans did to their own ground last week, admittedly with the club's blessing. it does not bear thinking about what they could do to Edgar Street in the event of defeat.

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Traditional values deserve better

clubs facing the threat of relegation from the Football League today. By now, the world and his

Jack Russell knows that

Brighton are facing the drop, and for the last few weeks civilisation, at least that part of it between London and the South Coast, seems to have been in shock at the prospect. Despite all the hullabaloo over Brighton, Hereford are also facing the drop and today's game with the Seagulls at

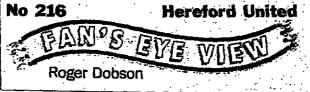
Edgar Street will decide which

of the two plunges over the

Unlike Brighton, Hereford have not had the huge amount of sympathetic media attention to whip up support, probably because it is not within commuting distance of London, it isn't supported by Des Lynam or any other celebrity, not even Tony Gubba, and it doesn't have the huge number of glory fans that the South Coast club has attracted in its 90 minutes of need.

As far as everyone outside Hereford is concerned, there are only two possible results today: Brighton go down or

Brighton stay up. Now Hereford may not be in the golden triangle of the South-east, or in a northern oasis like Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle, but it is a good, solid, honest club, the meat and two veg of middle England



football and the Third Division, and it deserves to survive in the

League. Hereford is a traditional family club where the fans don't riot, don't invade the pitch, don't get hauled away by the police or get banned, and don't court publicity. It is true that in times of adversity the odd fist is shaken in the direction of the directors, who, incidentally, still sit under the same corrugated roofs as the rest of us - no executive boxes here - but that is the limit of

any antisocial behaviour. Hereford is a club where jokes about linesmen leaving their spectacles at homes still ruise a chuckle, where mints are exchanged between strangers, where the Cornish pasties are still served brittle-black at the edges from old-fashioned warming cabinets, and where

burning-hot Oxo is the favourite half-time tipple. Twenty-five years ago, when Hereford burst into the Football League and were then subsequently promoted within a season under Colin Addison, they brought a breath of fresh air to the stagnant old

Fourth Division, which was then almost impossible to get into because outsiders had to be elected rather than pro-

For people like Frank Miles, who was club chairman when United were elected, and Addison, now managing Merthyr Tydfil, and for today's fans like my son, Ben, the only student who commutes from Man-chester to Hereford to watch decent football, the drop into the GM Vauxhall Conference would be a disaster and one from which the club might

The club's managing direc-tor, Robin Fry, has said the playing staff will remain fulltime should the unthinkable happen today, in a bid to get back into the League at the first attempt. But with little spare money around and with crowds even in the League running at around a lowly 3,000, the prospects in the Conference

would not be good. For 25 years Hereford have been a more useful member of the League than clubs that have bumped around the hottom for the best part of a cen- er place.

tury and rarely achieved anything. True, the trophy cup-board at Edgar Street is a little light and we have had a few near misses in the relegation zone over the last few years, but last season, don't forget, we were in the play-offs for promotion from the Third Divi-

sion.
Clubs like Hereford are what football should be all about: places where you can watch 90 minutes of football for a fair price on terraces where supporters curse and moan about their team much of the time and then spend the remainder cheering them on.

There are no big businesses or millionaires vying for boardroom power at Here-ford. We do not - thank God have too many glory supporters and we certainly don't have much money.

When the game kicks off today, it will be almost as evenly balanced as it is possible to get. Both clubs have 46 points. Hereford have the worst home record, while the visitors Brighton hold the worst away The stakes are high, but for

the sake of small clubs with loyal, law-abiding fans, for clubs who are not fashionable or rich, and for clubs who never get mentioned on Match of the Day, Hereford should and must win. But if Hereford go down today, the League will be a poor-

TEAM SHEET

Arsenal v Newcastle Last season: 2-0. Last five League matches: Arise nal DWWDD; Newcastle DDDWW.

Arise at defender Adams faces a late fitness test after aggravating an anide injury playing for England in midweek. Newcastle have no bijury womes after Albert's recovery from his anide problem, while Howey is in tine for a recall after being out for most of the season following a series of calf operations. Cheisea y Leeds Utd

en !!!WW Leads Utd DDLDD. Chelsea are without Zoia, than string and defenders Clarke (back) and Leboeuf (suspended); Goallegeper Beerier is standing by to replace Leeds' player of the year, Martin, who is struggling with tonsiffits. Deane, who missed the goalless drawagainst Aston Villa with an anide injury, may return. Coventry v Derby County Last season: No corresponding fixure. Last five League markines: Coventry LWWDD, Derby County WCWLD, bry's leading scorer Dublin will have a late fitness check on his knee, ess stands by Veteran defender McGrath returns to Derby's line-up, February traditional properties.

Leicester v Man Utd Last season: No corresponding fixture. Last five League matches: Leicester DOLL: Man Utd WMLWW.

Leicester stopper Waish has declared himself fit despite struggling with a knee problem and Heskey has shaken off an ankle injury he picked up on England. Under 21 duty in midweek. Alex Ferguson has a full-strength United squad to choose from, as Giggs is now fully recovered from his groin injury.

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respool will be at full strength with the exception of Fowler (suspended). Ruddock is likely to partner Wright in defence. Tottenham goaliteeper Walk-er is a doubtful starter with shoulder and Achilles injuries, so Beardsen stands by for a debut, Gerry Francis could welcome back Anderton and Scales.

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The Blackburn Olympic team of 1883 put their FA Cup victory down to a diet of port, raw eggs, porridge, mutton and oysters

According to a recent survey of the nation's likes and dislikes when we got diet sheets and were told to Labour was last in power, our favourite dessert 18 years ago was Angel Delight (although Instant Whip ran it a close second). However, the old Birds favourite took on a new meaning in Stockport this normally last a season like this". week after the striker Brett Angell scored the goal which won his Second Division club promotion, and otic pincapple in a sweaty doessinggave local newspaper headline writers the evening off."

Unsurprisingly, however, Angel Delight has not been a regular on the menu at Edgeley Park during a season in which the players' stamina, as much as their talent, has been over-achievers, the players often get sorely tested. In fact, Alun Armstrong believes that diet has played a significant part in ensuring Stockport stayed a course which saw them reach the semi-finals of the

go heavy on carbohydrates and fruit. We have pasta three hours before a game, then fruit, bananas and pineapple before kick-off. It must have made a difference, I'd never

Hard though it may be to visualise the Stockport lads tucking into exmeal consisted of steak and chips, topped up with a Mars Bar at half-

time are long gone.
Or are they? At Chesterfield, this season's other Second Division so hungry in between their pre-match meal and kick-off that they need a Mars Bar to give them an extra boost, "But we don't really both-Coca-Cola Cup and the Auto Windscreens Shield, as well as win promotion. Angeli's lanky striking motion to the striker Kevin Davies, whose own meal is nathing more complicated than beans on toest. But he does admin beans on toest. But he does admin beans on toest. or much about our food," confesses partner, admits he used to eat mit that the slap-up meal of chick-

en and potatoes before the FA Cup tie against Middlesbrough made him feel "a lot better, and helped me get through extra time".

While it might not be surprising that most cash-strapped-smaller clubs have more to worry about than whether their players are enting fried eggs or fettueine, it's still incredible that the importance of diet has, until recently, been overlooked when you consider that the average footballer runs around seven miles and makes at least 20 short, fast sprints during a game.

Incredible maybe, surprising maybe not Just as football has taken almost a century to face up to its responsibilities as a business which should adhere to business principles, so footballers are only just starting to realise that they are athletes, and should treat their bodies accordingly. The right diet can apparently

Olivia Blair



ON SATURDAY

long it takes to score a goal. Despite that, preaching to the unconverted remains an uphill struggle; so much so that the idea of Teddy Sheringham and Ryan Giggs advertising health food products like Quorn burgers and Strike! cercal is at odds with the traditional image of improve a player's game by up to six per cent and provide five minutes of extra energy, and we all know bow footballers as having plebeian tastes. And despite the increasing number of clubs who employ a

football nutritionist (which must currently rank alongside Conservative politician as the most unenviable profession), most players will still plump for junk food over health food, given the choice. For example Matt Le Tissier, whose stamina has been a perennial bone of contention, admits to a penchant for burger and chips despite the promptings of Southampton's nutritionist. The words "leopard" and "spots" spring to mind.

Still, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. It's the skills of play-ers like Juninho, Zola and Ravanelli which have illuminated this season; foreign players who find our stodgy British diet a culture shock. The Napoli youngster Gennaro Scarlato went back to Italy after a recent trial at Chelsea blaming his return on "awful food", and that at a club where changing the diet was among Rund Gullit's first priorities when he became manager. "At Mi-lan you were always told what to eat:

pasta and fish," he says. "Here I can't believe what players eat: sausages, svelte generation of players bacon, omelettes. They must have stomachs likes rocks."

Ding the Blackburn Olympic team of 1883, who put their FA Cup success down to a diet which consisted largely of port, raw eggs, porridge, mutton and oysters. West Ham's consuming of cysters before their 1947 Cup final proved less successful (they lost 1-0); while today's most famous dietary luminary is Gordon Strachan, who, as we know, puts his longevity down to a "revolutionary" diet of porridge and bananas. "It always used to be soup, steak and chips, tea and toast before a game," recalls Strachan, "and we tucked in because in those days it was the best meal of the week. Gradually players started to eat more fish and carbohydrates; when I took over here I changed

everything. Now it's carbohydrates ga-lore and water with everything." Hence the reason why the Sammy Lees, Bob Latchfords and Jan

However, no football club have as yet cottoned on to the recuperating powers of ... the Jaffa Cake, High in carbohydrate and low in fat, the orange-flavoured cake with the spongy bottom and chocolate coating has replaced oranges as the half-time snack at rugby club Saracens; according to nutritionist Tony Consev it replaces energy quickly and is easily digested. McVitie's have since changed the cake's image from "student's friend" to "sportsman's friend", perhaps Carling will one day be ousted in favour of the McVitie's

Premiership.

But for all the emphasis on the link between food and fitness, it's worth remembering that fat and football can, occasionally, be beautiful; Ference Puskas was described by one England player as "that fat little chap" when he came to Wembley with Hungary in 1953. Puskas almost single-handedly destroyed England 6-3.

Blues lose Zola until **Cup final**

Football

CATHERINE RILEY

Gianfranco Zola is unlikely to play for Chelsea before the FA Cup final in a fortnight, following his request to be taken off after 55 minutes of Italy's World Cup win over Poland in midweek because of his nagging hamstring injury, which he had a scan on yesterday.

Although Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, stressed that this was just a precaution and that the problem is not serious, he has decided to rest Zola until the Wembley meeting with Middlesbrough on 17 May.

Zola's absence is not the only problem for Guilit, who has several other players doubtful for today's Premiership match with Leeds.

Defender Steve Clarke will not be risked with his back problem, while Franck Leboeuf is suspended. However, goal-keeper Kevin Hitchcock is back in the squad and both Roberto Di Matteo and Dan Petrescu are both fit after international duty.

Uefa intends to ease Europe's congested international programme by ordering national teams to play some matches back-to-back. The European governing body's executive ian striker, has been cleared to committee will consider a system of double-header games to be introduced on a compulsory basis, which means a national team will play two World Cup

or European Championship qualifying games in a 10-day period without the distraction of domestic league games.

The body wants to force domestic leagues to suspend their programmes for certain weekends a year so that 10 national games can be fitted in. Most major leagues already do this on a voluntary basis, but this means that the club v country conflict would be removed.

Ronnie Whelan will learn next week whether he is to stay as manager of relegated Southend. Vic Jobson, the club's chairman, said: "Ronnie's contract contains a clause that in the event of relegation he can be dismissed on a month's notice. But I will sit down and discuss things with him once the season is over.

Matthew Etherington will today become the seventhyoungest player to appear in the Football League when he makes his debut for Peterborough aged 15 years and 158 days.

Wendy Toms will become the first woman to referee the Avon Insurance Combination Cup final when she takes charge of the game between Tottenham and Wimbledon at White Hart

Lane on 12 May. Nwankwo Kanu, In-ternazionale's 20-year-old Nigercent heart surgery to repair a deformed acrtic valve, a condition which would have proved fatal without an operation.

faces a hernia operation.



Virtual golf: Bernard Gallacher plays out of the bunker on the specially constructed Road Hole at the NEC in Birmingham yesterday Photograph: Peter Jay

Closed shop throws open its doors

Tony Blair is not the first to achieve a landslide victory of late. Tiger Woods had a handy majority at the US Masters in a breathtaking performance which brought new converts to the game. Now, like Blair, golf

has to hang on to them. An attempt was made with the Professional Golfers' As-sociation's National Golf Week last month and now in Hall No 1 of Birmingham's NEC, golf has been making an exhibition of itself. The Golf Show, sponsored by KPMG, runs through-Bobby Williamson has been named Bell's Manager of the out the Bank Holiday weekend and for the first time brings pun-ters into direct contact with the Month for the second successive

time after leading Kilmarnock golf industry. to the Scottish Cup Final. The PGA say they gave 12,000 lessons to new golfers during the Golf Week with The man in charge at Rugby Park picked up the April award two-thirds signing up for further instruction. Over four days, the Golf Show hopes to have 30,000 and, to complete a double double, the club's striker Paul Wright has been named player of the month. Kilmarnock are aiming visitors, with 20 per cent new to to stretch their unbeaten run to the game. It is the brainchild of nine games and banish any Simon Kimble of Consumer thoughts of relegation when they travel to Dunfermine today. Exhibitions, whose previous credits include the Good Food Show, Tomorrow's World Live

They will face Falkirk in the and London Fashion Week. "This is by far the biggest thing we have attempted," Kimble, who has no previous golfgainst Hearts.

Hearts are likely to be with
Alex Totten, winning the diviing background, said. "I wanted to take golf out of its usual environment. The game has this

image of members' clubs with "private" signs at the gate. The aim was to make it as interactive as possible."

So there is the chance to use a driving range, a putting green, a chipping area as well as test the manufacturers' equipment in their own nets. In addition, Kimble has attracted leading players and celebrities. Colin Montgomerie, Europe's No 1, will be on show and taking questions today, with Ryder Cup captain Seve Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer here on

yesterday, despite incurring a

The 42-year-old Argentin-

ian, who won the Italian title in

1994, had the penalty imposed

when his playing partner re-ported that he had grounded his putter on his line during a prac-

tice putt. Romero made up the

strokes and picked up another

for good measure as he scored

a three-under-par 69 to move to

seven-under-par on 137 and

Sweden's Patrik Sjoland, who

into a one-shot lead.

NEC. Andy Farrell paid it a visit

Monday. Paul Gascoigne and Chris Evans head the celebrity list for Sunday. Yesterday af-ternoon, Kimble was still tracking down Nick Faldo, who is in the country.

In a corner of the hall, the 17th green from the Old Course at St Andrews, including the

Penalty fails to blunt Romero

and Britain's Gordon J Brand

closest pursuers. Ian Woos-

The previous day's events

unsettled Romero, but he still

picked up three birdies. In two

rounds he has collected nine

birdies without dropping any

"I was worried I might not be

strokes other than his penalty.

able to get the penalty out of my

mind," he said. "I trusted my

playing partner [Carl Mason],

who reported that I had

nam's 73 took him to 140.

Eduardo Romero led the Ital- ran up a triple-bogey after an-

ian Open at the half-way stage other curious penalty incident,

two-stroke penalty during his and Brian Davis were Romero's first round at Brescia. and Brian Davis were Romero's closest pursuers. Ian Woos-

Peter Alliss Design company. Bernard Gallacher, Europe's winning captain at Oak Hill in 1995, was one of the first to be put through his paces and managed to highlight one of the

many contradictions that make golf baffling to the beginner. Remember, you are not try-ing to hit the ball, but the sand

behind it," Gallacher said of playing bunker shots. How to play from a buried lie became

even though I couldn't re-

member doing it. I just had to try to forget it."
Sjoland's triple-bogey came

at the sixth on his way to a 70,

which also included an eagle

and five birdies. While search-

ing for his ball with his partner,

Nicolas Vanhootegem of Bel-

gium, Sjoland saw it drop to the

When it could not be deter-

mined who had disturbed the

ball, officials had no option

but to penalise Sjoland one

stroke. The Swede then added

another because his bail had

ground out of a bush.

touched the line of my putt, landed in an unplayable lie.

Road Hole bunker (although not quite as deep as the original) has been constructed by the face closed, hands forward." Gallacher, clearly practising hard for the Seniors' tour, put it to two inches.

Next up was Ray Clemence. although he was not allowed into the sand without a comment on England's performance on Wednesday. There has been a bit of criticism, but you can never please the English press, can you?" said Glenn Hoddle's assistant. Clemence left his first attempt in the Road Hole bunker. Next time he escaped, the ball

making contact with painted backdrop, somewhere around the roof of Rusacks Hotel. Clemence, who recalled Bill Shankly banning his team from playing a round of golf 48 hours before a match, also did his bit in the Celebrity Forum. At a pro-am in Brussels last year, he

the club and hit a woman 10 yards away on the shoulder. "I have never moved so fast in my life, but fortunately she was fine. The next day, instead of the big build-up as former England goalkeeper and the rest, the announcer just said: 'Here's the madman'. The organisers hid behind the advertising boards. Talk

caught his drive on the heel of

Coughing Koyama pulls out of singles

Table tennis

Breathing difficulties forced Chire Koyama, the former world champion who delights in beating her old team-mates now that she plays for Japan, to withdraw from the opening round of the women's singles at the World Championships in Manchester yesterday.

Koyama, seeded joint fifth, was scheduled to meet the Latvian Olga Kartuzova, "She has not been well for nearly a month. She has been coughing and also has some back trou-

ble," a Japanese official said. Despite not being fully fit. Koyama, formerly known as He Zhili, won all her seven matches in the team competition in which Japan finished sixth and was considered one of the few challengers to China's grip on the women's title. China have already retained both team trophies in their attempt to repeat the 1995 clean sweep

of all seven golds.

Kong Linghui opened the defence of his men's title in convincing fashion against the left-handed Dutchman Jorg de Cock, ranked 277 places below the champion.

It was a match of staccato railies with both players manoeu-vring for the third-ball kill. The 21-year-old Kong coasted to vic-tory 21-13, 21-9, 21-18, and the only time he had to dig deeper into his impressive repertoire of strokes was when he trailed the workmanlike De Cock 7-12 in

Stich to retire due to injury

Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion, said vesterday that he would retire from competitive tennis later this year hecause of a shoulder injury.

The 28-year-old player, No 2 in the world in 1994, said he would play until September, when he hoped to bow out by playing for the German Davis Cup team against Mexico.

Andre Agassi, who won Wimbledon in 1992, was bearen 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 by a 20-year-old Swede, Magnus Norman, in the second round of the AT&T Challenge event in Atlanta on Thursday.
The British No 2, Greg

Rusedski, has withdrawn from next week's German Open in Hamburg because he does not consider he has fully recovered from his recent wrist injury.

Celtic hit by injuries still struggling with a hamstring injury. Paul Ritchie is out as he

Scottish football

Celtic could be without four players, including their keeper Stewart Kerr, who has a dislocated finger, for tomorrow's match at Hibernian. Paul Mc-Stay, Enrico Annoni and Chris Hay are also on the injured list. Hibs midfielder Chic Charnley and striker Kevin Harper are both ruled out by suspension,

while the former Celtic player

Pat McGinlay is struggling with

an ankle injury.

Now that his team have clinched a Uefa Cup place, the Dundee United manager, Tommy McLean, is expected to call up the talented trio of Craig Easton, Steve Thomson and Paul Walker for today's match for overcoming Celtic in the

against Hearts. out skipper Gary Locke, who is sional award.

SUPER LEAGUE 9th round: North Sydney 20 Western Suburbs 6. 10th round: Adelaide Rams 14 North Queensland Cowboys 14.

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Australian Rules

Ashley Harvey Walker, the former Der-byshire player, was found shot deed at a private club in the Berea balghbor-hood of Johannesburg on Monday A po-lice spokesman said they were balled hood of Julean is add they were balled by the death of the 56-year-old crick-et consultant and have excluded robbery as a motive. Walker, who became the first Dertychive player to score a debut century, played more than seven years for the county before moving to

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SPORTING DIGEST

The Cardiff Devils' appeal against the The Cardiff Devils' appeal against the refusal of their entry to the European let Hockey League will be heard in Heisinki today. The Supericague champions' move is backed by the British ice Hockey Association and the play-off winners Sheffield Steelers, who were granted entry to the European League last weekend instead of Devils. Steve Crowther, the Steelers general manager, said: "Cardiff won the Supericague, which is our major competition." WORLD CHAMPHONSHIPS (Turku, Fin) Pool & Raly 2 Norway 2; Caracta 5 Urisad States 1. (Helsinki) Pool & Carch Republic 2 Russes 3.

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TODAY'S NUMBER

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The number of ticket applications for the figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, next year --82 times the number of tickets available. The opening ceremony has attracted 564,698 applications, 24 times the number available.

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Roxing The venue for Lennox Lewis's World Box-The venue for Lennox Lewis's World Box-ing Council heavyweight title delence against Henry Akinwande on 12 July may have to be moved from Atlantic City. Don King, Akinwande's promoter, is not al-lowed to be insolved in bouts in the New Jerson, combined means because he is

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South Africa in the early 1970s.

Drugs in sport

Drugs in sport
The South African lock Johan Adverment, and two provincial players have been banned for two years after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs. A South African Rugby Union disciplinary commission found Adverment and Gautang Lore; players Bennie Nortje and Stafan Bronkhorst had used the anabolic steroid nandrolene.

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United scent early title celebration

Football

CLIVE WHITE

At just after eight o'clock this evening Manchester United could be rejoicing in their fourth Premiership title in five seasons. For the championship to be confirmed eight days ahead of schedule, and, quite properly, on a Saturday. Alex Ferguson's team must win their morning match against Leicester City al Filbert Street - thereby applying pressure not a little unfairly on Liverpool - with the Merseysiders failing to beat Tottenham Hotspur in their evening game at Anfield.

How ironic that the Football Association should be imploring fans to arrive early on these last two weekends of the season in order to ensure that all matches finish at the same time when a vital discrepancy like this exists purely for the benefit of their Sky paymasters.

Should that particular seenario fail to materialise (and one should bear in mind that Liverpool haven't won any of their last three home fixtures against Spurs) United may have only to wait until Monday, against Middlesbrough, to confirm what Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, among a few hundred thousand others, resigned himself to long ago.

An 11th championship success would still leave United seven short of Liverpool's record but their monopoly of the title is fast approaching the standards of Liverpool who. during one particularly successful period between 1979-84 won it five times in six seasons. Ferguson, however, is in no rush for title No 11 - "We'll win it if

At least the loss of Robbie

Fowler through suspension until the end of the season could he offset for Liverpool by the absence of Ian Walker in the Tottenham goal. The England keeper is struggling with shoul-der and Achilles injuries and Espen Bardsen is standing by to make his debut. Goalkeepers, or rather the

absence of them, could have a bearing at the bottom of the division. Middlesbrough, who must beat Asion Villa at the Riverside to have any realistic hope of sustaining their Premiership interest through to Monday, are without their two first-choice keepers, Mark Schwarzer and Gary Walsh, be-cause of injury while their No Ben Roberts, will be carrying an injury into the game. Full-back Neil Cox is standing by.

It will take little short of a broken leg to prevent most players from playing their part in the fight for survival. In the case of Stuart Pearce, the player-manager of Nottingham Forest, it would probably take that and much more besides. Hence he has included himself in the squad for the club's door-die encounter with Wimbledon despite missing the last two games with a calf injury as well the midweek international at Wembley. Anything less than a victory today and they will be reacquainting themselves with the First Division for the second

time in four seasons. With all six of the bottom clubs at home, even if you include the "safe seat" of Leicester, they will have only themselves to blame if they fail. Everton's need of a point we win on Saturday," he said, to make absolutely sure that "but it doesn't matter when and manager-elect Bobby Robson the most important thing for us will be in charge of a top flight

is to make sure we don't get club next season, could seriously impinge on Sunderland's survival prospects in their last competitive match at Roker Park Better late than never, Niall Quinn is set to make his first start in seven months.

Coventry City, who, as usual, are going through their Houdini routine, may have to effect today's escape, against Derby County, without Dion Dublin, who has a knee injury. With eight points out of 12 only Southampion, of those down among the dead men, have struck a richer vein of form than the Sky Blues.

Matt Le Tissier has made himself available for today's game against Blackburn Rovers but it will take a brave, or more likely, foolhardy man to rock the boat now - particularly after the way his deputy, Michael Evans. has been performing.

Of those placed immediately above the bottom three, West Ham would appear the most vulnerable in terms of form. As the Hammers' luck would have it Sheffield Wednesday, still in pursuit of an unlikely European dream, visit Upton Park with Andy Booth, David Hirst and Dejan Stefanovic restored to fitness. West Ham must hope that Slaven Bilic, set for a summer move, probably to Goodison, still has the Eastenders' fortunes at heart on his return from suspension. One man who is not going any

where, apparently, is Les Ferdinand. On the eve of Newcastle's visit to Arsenal, with whom, along with Liverpool, they are contesting the second Champions' League spot, the club allayed any fears about the England striker's future at St James' Park. "There's no problem with Les," Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, said. "If he was concerned he'd speak to me and he's never said anything."



opener Michael Burns is comprehensively bowled by Ireland's Justin Benson at Taunton yesterday

Mushtaq leaves Ireland bamboozled

Cricket

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Taunton Somerset 349-7; Ireland 128 Somerset win by 221 runs

On Thursday afternoon Mushtaq Ahmed stepped off the plane from Colombo where Pakistan had been playing Sri Lanka and, less than 24 hours later after one preliminary twirl of his arms. mesmerised Ireland with a mag nificent display of leg breaks and googlies. In his first two overs he took three important wickets

for 13 runs and finished with 7 for 24 in 9.2 overs.

His first was that of Hansie Cronie, the South African captain. Mushtaq's first ball went down the leg side for four wides; the second was a googly which hastened on to Cronje, who, on the back foot, was palpably leg-before.

In Mushtag's second over, Justin Benson, Ireland's captain, scuttled across his stumps and tried to flick the ball to leg. It was another googly which hus-tled through everything and hit the middle and leg stumps. Two balls later Andy Dunlop was lured forward by a beautifully flighted leg-break which touched the outside edge of the

bat and went gently to slip. The Irish innings had been carried on nobly by Andrew Patterson, a 21-year-old of great promise. He played a series of superb drives through the offside and pulled Graham Rose for the only six of the day.

After Mushtag had taken those three early wickets, Patterson reached his first 50 for Ireland when he bulled the for four. But later in the over he drove Mushtaq gently to mid-off Ireland to work at his abattoir.

having faced 41 balls and hit nine fours and one six.

After Derek Heasley had been surprised by another googly, Greg Molins bowled mund his legs and Paul McCrum had miscued to mid-on, it was all over.

When Somerset won the toss and batted it made it much less likely that Ireland would pull off another victory. They had been handicapped already when their opening bowler, Peter Gillespie, pulled a back muscle before the start. Decker onw viiu. leg-spinner through midwicket made 75 against Middlesex on Monday had been left behind in

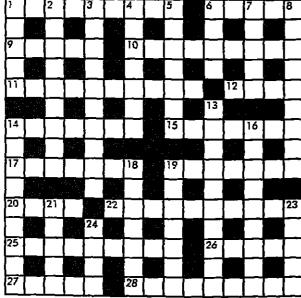
Rose and Michael Burns gave Somerset a fine start putting on 87 for the first wicket in 13 overs also with some lovely driving. They were then out in successive overs and Mark Lathwell soon followed before some powerful lefthanded strokeplay by Simon Ecclestone, who made 92 from 83 balls, ensured that Somerset did not lose their way. When Peter Bowler and Robert Turner cashed in at the end they

score. More reports, Scoreboard,

were assured

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Friday's solution

Last Saturday's solution

ACROSS.

Girl's taking religious book for end of service (9) Lot of people initially seem heated (5) Fabric bombed when

brought back (5) 10 More suitable to follow unfashionable tailor? (9) 11 Corrupts recalled TV host with glaring threat of trou-ble to come? (5-5)

Some fair maid? (4) 14 Racecourse isn't leading to endless rush (7) 15 Residential areas are involved with UXB, I fancy

17 Servant bringing in excessive amount of soup (7) 19 Nautical rope I learnt to

twist (7) 20 Early European tribesman captured Hungary (4) 22 Spinster relative, Australian, in untamed frolic

(6,4) Copying one small child coming round at four (9) 26 Having a change of heart in obscene song (5)
27 Undertook litigation first of exhibits: shoe

28 To be in Paris, stifling

DOWN

1 Work parties for the birds" (5) Poem about a Parisian Baron in a hat (3-6) Unhappily I'm mean – I'm cluiching gold for re-membrance's sake (2, 8)

Plant is also found on place in golf-course? (7) Vegetable cutiet prepared with energy (7) Cuts back for a quick trip

(4)
7 One sailor embracing student in part of church (5)
8 Preserve a type of cat (9)
13 Chasing University type in Cambridgeshire (10)
14 Sections of music scale

exercises doubly good in endless operatic song (9) One helps to start fires -bit queer (unstable) about that, primarily (9) 18 Hoard money up? I have, being crafty (7)

19 More embarrassed, cap-turing last of tame wild animals? (3, 4) 21 Tense and ready for a load of rubbish (5) 23 Herb for you and me (5) 24 Identical missile used on

The first five correct solutions to this week's puzzle opened next Thursday receive hardbacked copies of the new Oxford Dictionary of Quotations. Answers and winners' names will be published next Saturday. Send solutions to Saturday Crossword, P. O. Box 4018, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5BL, Please use the box number and postcode and give your own postcode, Last week's winners: D Pemberton, Castle Cary, S Carratt, Pertin, C Steeden, St. Annes; M Stokes, Bristot: J

Borg's son loses his first match

Tennis

Robin Borg followed in the footsteps of his famous father and lost his first competitive tennis match. The younger Borg played Niklas Persson, one of the favourites in the under-13 division of the KLTK Cup in Stockholm, and lost 6-1, 6-1.

Some consolation for Robin, 11, was that he won more games than his father did when he played his first competitive match. "I lost my first match 6-0, 6-0," recalled Bjorn Borg, who went on to win five straight Wimbledon titles and six French Open crowns.

Borg Inr played other sports when growing up and only started playing tennis a few years ago. He plays for the Royal Tennis Club and has been coached for 18 months by Jan Zabrodsky, one of Sweden's top players in the early 1980s. The iunior tournament was held in the club's facility, the Royal Tennis Hall, where Bjorn Borg beat John McEnroe in the 1980 Stockholm Open final and led Sweden to its first Davis Cup triumph in 1975.

Wattana's mind game Snooker perate for a seventh crown that problem with his concentra-

GUY HODGSON

reports from the Crucible,

Give James Wattana his full title and your tongue needs a rest. His non-Anglicised name is Wattana Pu Ob Orm for a start. while it goes on (deep breath) to include Commander third class of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand. It is a mouthful which makes Stephen Hendry MBE seem

positively puny. Achievements speak louder than words, no matter how many and how grand, however, and those of the six-times winner of the Embassy World Championship shout louder than anyone else's. Yet whether Hendry will make it to a seventh title is in doubt as he and Wattana are

evenly poised in their semi-final, Yesterday, Hendry frequently threatened to turn his overnight 5-3 lead into an insuperable margin, but the day's play finished at 8-8.

The reigning champion will be kicking himself, for he is des-

would push him beyond Steve Davis and Ray Reardon as winner of the most modern day world titles. Wattana, on the other hand, craves to escape

from the list of nearly men. The world amateur champion in 1988, the 27-year-old Wattana, who plays in the West under an identity which makes pronunciation easier for Europeans, has just three ranking tournaments to his name.

"There's not much difference in ability," Wattana said, comparing himself with Hendry, "it's in the mind. That's why Stephen has been No 1 for so long. My mind is getting bet-

Not by so much, though, that you would notice. During his quarter-final against John Parrott, Wattana tried some outrageous shots that had the watching Hendry shaking his head at the bravery and foolshots work, fine. If they do not, players with merciless precision pick him off. Wait long enough with Wat-

tana, who admits to having a

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tion, and a mistake usually happens, which summed up the first two frames yesterday.

The Thai whose nickname ought to be "Rash" rather than 'Typhoon", made the initial break only to be buried by Hendry. The word landslide was in vogue yesterday and Wattana understood its mean-

ing better than most. Those two frames gave Hendry a 7-3 lead, which, with a winning target of 17, had the organisers fearing that tonight's session would be superfluous. But with Wattana on the ropes, Hendry lost his punch.

Shot after shot was squandered and, suddenly, Wattana had the mental equivalent of a cold sponge on his face: Four out before the last frame tell into his lap via a fluke. Ahead 54-42, he aimed a yellow into the bottom corner only to see it vibrate in hardiness. If the audacious the jaws before rolling along the cushion into another pocket.

"I've had bad luck for two vears and I've not said any thing," he said after beating Par-rott. "You have to accept the run of the balls." Today he will happily accept anything fate throws his way.

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